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WAR WAGED AGAINST REDS IN KWANGSI

Guerilla groups fight on without outside aid

CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

(By a Special Correspondent)

Kwangsi—formerly known as the model province of China because of its efficient administration under Marshal Li Chai-sum, General Pai Chung-hsi and General Li Tsung-jen—is today a major base for China's resurgence.

Anglo-U.S. naval exercises

Manila, March 4. The powerful Far Eastern Fleets of the United States and Britain today began six-day manoeuvres which one high naval officer called an example of co-operation between two great Democratic countries.

The Anglo-American fleet units opened the significant exercises off the Zamboanga coast of Eastern Luzon but naval officials of both nations scrupulously avoided any inference that it was a "show of force" designed to impress the Chinese Communists and possibly the Soviets.

The United States Navy commander repeated that the exercises were for "mutual familiarization of training techniques and for standardization of tactical and communication procedures."

Admiral Sir Patrick Brind, Commander-in-Chief of the British Far Eastern Fleet, who arrived here this morning described the naval games as a "perfectly normal routine." He said "any suggestion that the exercises would not be a success, we are doing it all over the world."

The British Admiral who visited President Quirino and other high Filipino officials was an observer of the exercises along with Vice Admiral Russell Berkeley, Commander of the United States Seventh Fleet. Actual direction of the war games was under Rear Admiral W. F. Boone, Commander of American Carrier Division 5, and Rear Admiral W. C. Andrews of the British fleet.

Air units
The United States naval commander said units of the Royal Air Force and the United States Thirteenth Air Force will simulate a land-based air attack on surface vessels and their attached aircraft during the manoeuvres.—United Press.

SPAIN RECOGNISES VIETNAM GOV'T
Madrid, March 4. Spain, "at the request of the French Government," has recognized the Vietnamese Government in Indo-China and the Indo-Chinese states of Laos and Cambodia, an official announcement said last night.

In the 77,000-square-mile province, a war is being waged against the Chinese Communists without aid from either the Nationalist administrations on Hainan or Taiwan islands.

The leaders in the war against the new Chinese regime are men who have pledged themselves to fight for 15,000,000 people in Kwangsi and free them from their present rulers.

If they succeed—and they are confident they will—they will set up a government of their own to rally, to their cause the support of all foreign

Li urged to drop challenge
Taipei, March 4. Close associates of Nationalist Acting President Li Tsung-jen have urged him to drop his efforts to challenge Chiang Kai-shek's resumption of the Presidency. It was learned today.

The appeal was said to have been made in the interests of harmony. Li, who went to the United States three months ago for a kind of sabbatical, had been discredited by his absence from the Presidency.

Dr. C. W. Chi, who had been secretary general of the Presidential office under Li, and General Pai Chung-hsi, who may get the Ministry of National Defence in the new Cabinet, were reported to be among Li's friends who were said to have advised him that there were apparently no legal channels through which he could carry his challenge.

It was conceded Li could challenge Chiang in the political and military fields but even his closest friends say he stood no chance over Chiang in these fields.—United Press.

Red invasion plans hit snag
Chinese arrivals in Hong Kong from Shanghai said yesterday that the Chinese Communists are building numerous landing craft for an invasion of Taiwan but are hitting a snag in other military preparations, reports United Press.

It was estimated that 40,000 troops contracted Japanese disease (Asian blood disease) while learning to swim and practising landing tactics on filthy rivers and inland lakes.

The arrivals said the Communist authorities conscripted 900 doctors and medical students to be sent to rural districts to help combat the disease.

The outbreak of the disease, which is prevalent in the Yangtze and Nile Valleys, was said to have somewhat disorganized the Communist preparations for an invasion of Taiwan, which Communist-in-Chief General Chu Teh a few days ago announced was "not far off."

The arrivals said that 300 landing craft were nearing completion in Shanghai, dockyards which are under the direction of Soviet engineers. The craft, 100 tons each, and modelling after the American LST, are built of timber with steel plating.

MOIRA SHEARER MARRIED



Miss Moira Shearer, star of the ballet film "Red Shoes," seen with her husband, Ludovic Kennedy, at his home at Hampton Court, near London. The wedding took place at the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace.—A.P. Photo.

Security measures at Kai Tak airport

Kai Tak airport today is closely guarded by a special detachment of police who are based on a separate police station in the airport. Headed by a Chinese Sub-Inspector the airport police headquarters is located in a building behind the Pacific Air Maintenance and Supply Company.

Disorders in French Assembly

Paris, March 4. The French Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, pale but determined, sat behind a battered and overturned Government front bench this morning facing noisy Communist deputies still determined to obstruct the Government's Anti-Sabotage Bill.

An hour and a half after the session was resumed at 2 a.m. GMT today, Communist deputies tabled a series of points of order to obstruct the debate of the measure, which is aimed at checking the Communist campaign against the war in Indo-China.

Defeated, they prepared 80 amendments threatening to delay the passage of the Bill indefinitely. The Communist deputies, one hundred of whom were expelled from the French National Assembly by Republican Guards last night, continued their obstruction tactics when the session was resumed today.

When the Speaker gave some of the Communists the floor at 3 a.m. GMT, they kept up the tirade of invectives for half an hour. Then they presented a motion that the Bill should not be discussed.

At the voting, 50 Communists present put about 400 voting slips into the urns. The session was suspended while urns were tried to sort out the false and valid slips.—Reuter.

INDIAN TRAIN SABOTAGED
Madras, March 4. The Finance Minister of the Madras Government, Mr. E. Gopala Reddy, told the State Parliament today that last night's derailment of the Madras-Calcutta mail train, in which five people were killed and 41 injured, was "a clear case of sabotage."

He said that the metal plates holding the track had been moved. Being trains with food and medical supplies have been stopped at Gullurupeta, 50 miles north of here, the route of the mail train. The derailment took place at Gullurupeta, 50 miles north of here, the route of the mail train. The derailment took place at Gullurupeta, 50 miles north of here, the route of the mail train.

CANTON RESIDENTS FLEE TO ESCAPE BOMBINGS

Canton residents are making a general exodus from the city since the continuous bombings of the city by Nationalist planes on Thursday and in the early hours of yesterday, according to a reliable report received yesterday.

The steamers plying between Canton and Macao are sailing from Canton with all berths filled. Many persons are leaving by the train which goes only to Shumchun.

However, the report continues, many persons, who wish to take refuge in Hong Kong, prefer to travel by a devious route rather than face the hazardous, although almost direct, route by rail.

They are travelling overland to Shekkl from whence they go on to Macao. At Macao they embark on one of the many steamers bound for Hong Kong.

The people who travel on this route do not wish to take the chance that the train may be subjected to a aerial attack by Nationalist planes.

Continuous raids
The report said that from 7 a.m. on Friday up to midnight Nationalist planes had been flying over the Communist-held Kwangtung capital and bombing the city.

After a brief interval the planes again began to repeat their visits in the early hours of yesterday morning, dropping more bombs. Yesterday morning the Wongsha district was made the objective.

The report added that the victims of the bombing, dead and wounded, totalled about 700 while many thousands have been rendered homeless by the raids and are now living in the streets.

Several Nationalist planes bombed the village of Chik Tan yesterday morning. The village is well within the Chinese territory. Several bombs were dropped but the villagers had ample warning of the coming of the planes. There were a few casualties while very little damage was done to the village houses.

Nationalist Air Headquarters claimed that widespread blows against the Red were struck on Friday, reports Associated Press from Taipei.

The main points were: Three batches of Mitchell medium bombers attacked the railway station and other military targets at Canton.

Mustangs, which later dropped leaflets containing Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's message on his resumption of the Presidency, saw huge fires.

Similar leaflets were dropped over other areas, including Hsuehchow, the loss of which opened the way to the Yangtze for the Red.

Mustangs patrolled the Canton-Kowloon railroad with an eye to possible escape of 71 defected Nationalist planes at Hong Kong. Mitchell bombers hit the airfield at Liuchow, Kwangsi, and scored hits on the runway.

Mustangs strafed a 1,000-ton ship in the Yangtze estuary near Shanghai.

In review, Air Force Headquarters said that activities last week through March 3 included damage and destruction of 22 small steamers and more than 500 junk, plus three gunboats and one landing craft.

Reds' problem
Major problem facing the Chinese Communists representatives who have taken over the proper and assets of CNAC and CATC is how to get the aircraft and equipment safely to China.

Flying the aircraft out of Hong Kong carries a number of risks. There is the risk of the planes being intercepted and shot down or forced to fly to Taiwan, by Nationalist fighters.

Gravest risk is the possibility of the pilots flying the planes out of Hong Kong, making a double-defection to the Nationalist camp. This possibility is worrying those in charge here.

Should the Communists decide to fly the planes out, they must first obtain a flight permit, sufficient for a flight to a base far inland as Canton is at present under daily air attack.

Anglican Church property hit in Canton raid

Property belonging to the Anglican Church in Canton was hit when Nationalist planes bombed Shumshan on Friday, according to information reaching Hong Kong yesterday.

The bombs, probably intended for Wongsha Station, terminus of the Peking-Hankow-Canton railway, damaged part of the church, and the Bishop's house.

Although the Right Reverend N. V. Hayward, Suffragan Bishop of Hong Kong, was in the premises at the time of the raid, he escaped injury.

This was the first Church property to suffer material damage since the retreat of the Kuomintang from South China in October, last year.

Sale of Red Victory Bonds in Hong Kong

An extensive campaign—the only one of its kind in the Colony—is in full swing today raising funds for a foreign State.

By yesterday more than 400,000 Victory Bond units of the new Communist-dominated People's Central Government had been sold in Hong Kong.

The price of a unit, based on the price of essential commodities in China, varies from day to day. Yesterday the price of one unit was about HK\$5.

Sale of Victory Bonds here has so far provided the new Chinese regime with more than HK\$2,000,000. Sales have been pushed by certain banks and newspapers.

Chinese organizations are also promoting the sales. Whether the sales have the approval of the Hong Kong Government or whether official approval is necessary before a foreign State's bonds can be sold here could not be ascertained yesterday from official quarters.

One official said yesterday that he could not say off-hand whether approval is necessary or not.

He added that any attempt to force people to buy any Victory Bonds would not be tolerated.

In some Chinese organizations, units of Victory Bonds are being arbitrarily allocated to the subordinate staff.

Singapore trade with Red China

Singapore, March 4. In a bid to arrange further trade with Communist China, many Singapore Chinese merchants have contacted the Hong Kong agents of the North China Export Import Trading Corporation, the official buying and selling agency for the Communist authorities.

These merchants foresee an early increase in the volume of transactions with China through Hong Kong. Difficulties with shipping and the absence of a recognised rate of exchange continue to prevent direct trading with North China.

The blockade attempts of the Chinese Nationalists, these Singapore merchants say, will continue to be a setback for shipping and until this is settled direct trading will not be easy.

It is reported that Malayan rubber and coconut oil head the list of Malayan produce which is being offered to Hong Kong for transshipment to North China.—Reuter.

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CHILDREN EXPLOITED BY UNREGISTERED EMPLOYERS

Skeleton found in nullah

A skeleton was found in a nullah between Robinson Road and Conduit Road at about 10 a.m. yesterday. It was found by passers-by who informed the Police. It could not be ascertained whether the skeleton was that of a European or a Chinese.

Reminders

Today

Tue H classical Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club, sketching party, members to meet at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.
European YMCA Anniversary meeting, Sacred Concert by Singsong Christian Church choir, 8 p.m.
St. Teresa's Church Jubilee Fair, in aid of Parochial Funds, 11 a.m.
Open Air Band Concert by 1st Lt. Middlesex Regiment, Botanical Gardens, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Nine Dragons Service Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
British Council sponsored lecture on Chinese Civilisation by Prof. Cheng Te-kun, Council Library, 5.30 p.m.
European YMCA Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
TUESDAY
HK Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, talk on "Currency Cycle in Cathay" by Mr. Findlay Andrew, 12.30 p.m.
Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, at Dominican House of Studies, Rosary Hill, 4.30 p.m.
European YMCA, Bridge Drive, 8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Nine Dragons Services Club, Billy Thigle (PT and Boxing), 6 to 8 p.m.; Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Tue H meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
British Council sponsored Lecture by Mr. Robert Bruce, Council Library, 5.30 p.m.
European YMCA, Women's Section Whist Drive, 10 a.m.
THURSDAY
Y's Men's luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Hong Kong Band Call, by Royal Marines, 8 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Marketing in the New Territories" by Mr. Robert Hart, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.
King George V School, Speech Day, 11 a.m.

TROOPS LEAVE FOR HOME

More than 1,000 troops, who have completed their tour of service here, left Hong Kong for England yesterday on board the ss. Devonshire.
A week ago, replacements for the troops arrived in Hong Kong on the Devonshire.
Included in the contingent, were RAF personnel, Commandos and regular army men.
They are expected to arrive in England in mid-April.

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Child labour in Hong Kong is forbidden by statute, but officials in the office of the Commissioner of Labour believe that children are continuing to be exploited by unregistered organisations.

The evils of Chinese apprenticeship are fully realised, and the problem is being studied from every angle to permit a reorientation of the practice—built up by years of tradition—without disruption of the age-old Chinese system of doing things.

In a survey of the problem of child labour carried out last week by the "Sunday Herald", it was ascertained that largely due to a rigorous system of inspection of factories and workshops imposed by the Labour Office, cruelty to children making their start in the hard world of commerce and industry has been largely eliminated.

At least in the organisations that have registered with Government, constant surveillance has produced a new set of working conditions for young people who are forced to work at an early age because of economic distress. Their hours are now regulated, they no longer work at night, and they get one day off every week.

Failure to concede these amenities renders the industrialists liable to heavy penalties, and last year more than 20 of them were prosecuted for maltreatment of their adolescent staff which, only a short while back, would have evoked no protest at all.

Labour inspectors make periodic trips to all registered workshops and factories. They are given the right by Government to elect their own time at which to call. By dint of persuasion, genuine friendliness and concern for the young people, they have suppressed many of the abuses which have plagued the path of Chinese children since the introduction of the factory enhanced their value as a cheap source of manpower.

Today Hong Kong forbids the employment of children under the age of 14. However, Government's powerlessness to cope with situations arising from the employment of their own children by owners of small handicraft establishments, which make up the bulk of small-scale industry here.

No holidays

Shoe-makers, for instance, employ large numbers of children drawn from their own families and the families of relatives, all of whom work more than 12 hours a day. Their tasks are performed under primitive conditions of lighting and ventilation, with the only break in a day of toil occurring at lunch time. They have no holidays, month in and month out, except for three or four days of freedom from unrelenting drudgery during the Lunar New Year.

The family system, on which Chinese organisations mainly depend, is beyond the scope of Government intervention, and this abuse of young people—which virtually amounts to an adolescence of slavery for thousands—must continue unchecked until a method is devised to defeat the practice by an appeal to humanity and fairplay which no local householder with an interest at stake is at present even prepared to consider.

Where Government is empowered to act, it has done so. It has adhered to the International Labour Organisation convention prescribing a "night" period of 12 hours for young persons instead of 11. In Hong Kong the longer period of 12 hours was already in force for young persons under the age of 16, but for those 16 years and 17 years old, the period remains 11 hours' total exemption from duty of any kind. Investigations are being made to see if legislation to one who prescribes the longer period could be introduced without any disadvantage to the young persons themselves.

Government is making efforts to convince factory owners of the necessity of adequate periods of rest for boys and girls who are not fully grown, and of the fact that a rested person is more productive than one who works long hours every day.

In many cases these efforts have been successful, and owners and managers co-operate. Some remain unco-operative and disregard warnings about restrictions of hours, and the weekly holiday. As a result there were 10 prosecutions during the year for employing young persons at night, three prosecutions for failing to give a young person under 16 years his day of rest; there were a further two prosecutions for the employment of children.

Definition of young person

According to Government parlance, a young person is any boy or girl between the ages of 14 and 18. They are employable in factories and workshops. All young persons under the age of 14 are regarded as children, and as such are forbidden to work in industrial organisations.

What Government is trying to do is to introduce humanity into the Chinese system of apprenticeship, which has not changed in any marked fashion since the days of the Industrial Revolution when exploitation in England of child labour became so notorious that Parliament was outraged.

Chinese families induct their children at an early age into selected professions, to which they are deemed for life unless or no wages, but with the provision of food and lodging. Several years' apprenticeship may be demanded in what would appear to be largely an unskilled trade, the secrets of which could be mastered in a month's exploitation.

The battle against child exploitation is being quietly fought but Government is aware that there is much to be done before any appreciable advance can be made in general welfare. However, there is an increased consciousness about the rights of children not only among the more enlightened Chinese, but among the public at large.

Quiet battle

In 1939 an official report stated that apprenticeship "is frequently an excuse to obtain cheap labour in return for little or no wages, but with the provision of food and lodging. Several years' apprenticeship may be demanded in what would appear to be largely an unskilled trade, the secrets of which could be mastered in a month's exploitation. The battle against child exploitation is being quietly fought but Government is aware that there is much to be done before any appreciable advance can be made in general welfare. However, there is an increased consciousness about the rights of children not only among the more enlightened Chinese, but among the public at large.

JEEP ACCIDENT

Mr. A. Gimlet was thrown out of a jeep in Garden Road near the Botanic Gardens at about 11 p.m. on Friday.

According to a report made to the police, Mr. Gimlet was driving jeep 920 up Garden Road and a private car was proceeding downwards. The private car's headlights was on, dazzling Mr. Gimlet.

Mr. Gimlet swerved the jeep to the side and as a result the wheels went into pits where the Hong Kong Gas Company ward repairing the pipes. There was no damage to the jeep and Mr. Gimlet received a few bruises to his face.



Photo shows some shoe-maker apprentices. Unscrupulous exploiters of children violate Government's ban on child labour by accepting children into apprenticeships from an early age. Government is trying to check this practice. ("China Mail" Photo).

Buddhist relics on flying exposition

When the Government of Ceylon agreed to the request made by Thakun Nu, the Burmese Premier, that Burma be lent the world-famous Buddhist relics that have never left Ceylon for 2,000 years, the British Government made available a British cruiser to transport the relics to Burma.

The decision to fly them on exposition in various towns in Burma was a weighty one, but Air Burma with Cathay Pacific Airways are to be congratulated on the happy outcome of the flying tour which the two companies undertook.

Housed for 2,000 years in the famous Temple of the Tooth in Ceylon, the relics are actually pieces of bone taken from the Buddha's funeral pyre at Gaya in North India 2,500 years ago.

Throughout the ages they have been preserved with wonderful devotion and it is a symbolic precedent that the invaluable treasures of ancient history may today be safely entrusted to the care of the modern airlines.

Travelling with the relics wherever they went were 20 Kandyan dancers and drummers who performed the customary ceremonies at 11 a.m. each day, keeping the 2,000-year continuity by offering tokens of water and flowers with the virility and grace that made Pavlova herself rate Kandyan dancing the highest in the world.

With their long and unique flights now over, the relics have been returned to Ceylon to be reverenced the more—they have taken to the air as part of an effort to weld two fine countries yet closer.

New Territories Police Reserve

The nucleus of a Police Reserve in the New Territories has been formed, the "Sunday Herald" learned officially last night.

The 35 young men, resident at Tin Long, Shau Kei and Tai Po, have been under training for more than two months. Mr. N.B. Fraser, Divisional Superintendent, New Territories, disclosed yesterday.

He added that the men are expected to complete their initial training shortly. They will carry out normal Police Reserve duties in the districts in which they reside.

European refugees arriving from North

The second group of displaced persons from North China in two months is due here tomorrow by the Royal Inter-Ocean Line's ss. Heinrich Jessen.

Some 120 International Refugee Organisation displaced persons boarded the ship at Marseilles. They will board two Skymasters at Kai Tak and leave for Lydda, Israel.

The group consists mainly of persons who have been displaced in China for many years and have taken advantage of the liberal immigration regulations of the Government of Israel to resettle.

This displaced persons resettlement movement is being sponsored jointly by the International Refugee Organisation and American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the latter organisation being represented in Hong Kong by Messrs. Horace and Lawrence Kadoorie.

Israel still ranks first on the list of countries accepting displaced persons and refugees. Israel has already accepted more than 120,000 resettlers. The United States ranks second, and the United Kingdom third on the list. Australia and other countries of the British Commonwealth follow close behind.

"Hard core" cases

The Israeli Government has recently agreed to expand its already liberal immigration regulations to include thousands of "hard core" cases that have little chance of being resettled within the stringent immigration regulations of most countries.

IRO is intensifying its efforts to have other recipient nations accept their share of the unfortunate "hard core" cases who are entirely depending on IRO. The resettling of "hard core" displaced persons and refugees has become IRO's paramount task since its inception nearly three years ago.

It is hoped that the example recently set by the Government of Israel will be followed by many other nations in order that IRO may wind up its operations in June of this year.

This is the first time in the history of the Colony that a Police Reserve is being organised for the New Territories.

At present there are some 400 Police Reservists in Kowloon and on the Island. It is understood that the New Territories Police Reserve will come under the Hong Kong Police Reserve Senior Superintendent, Mr. T. O. Tso.

Chinese killed in traffic accident

A Chinese male while walking along the road in Ping Shan, New Territories, at 2 p.m. yesterday, was knocked down by lorry No. 6625. The pedestrian died almost instantaneously from a fractured skull.

Two Chinese were admitted to the Kowloon Hospital as the result of traffic accidents at one p.m. yesterday.

Chan Yoo, aged 45, was knocked down by motor-cycle No. 390 while walking along Argyle Street at one p.m. He suffered injuries which necessitated his being retained in the hospital.

A 15-year-old boy was knocked down by private car No. HK282 outside the Broadway Theatre in Kowloon shortly after one p.m. yesterday. He suffered injuries to his legs and was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

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NOTICE

ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

(Hong Kong Branch)

An Examination for Sanitary Inspectors under the Hong Kong Examination Board of the Royal Sanitary Institute will be held on Monday the 13th March, 1950.

An entry fee of \$75 will be charged for this examination.

Application forms for entry to the above examination may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Room 109, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building.

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E. L. STRANGE,
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NOTICE
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Private Bathing Huts on Middle Bay and South Bay Beaches.

1. Applications may now be made by bona fide Hong Kong residents to the Secretary, Urban Council, for the occupation during the current bathing season of existing huts and pre-war hut sites on Middle Bay and South Bay Beaches.

2. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Urban Council, General Post Office Building, (top floor).

3. Only one member of a family may submit an application for a site or hut. Any additional applications found to be submitted by other members of the same family will be cancelled. Duly completed application forms must reach the Urban Council offices before noon on Wednesday, the 15th March, 1950.

4. Existing huts and sites have been classified as follows:

Class "A" - Hut in good condition.

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5. The following permit fees will be charged for the current season from 1st April, 1950 to 31st March, 1951:-

Class "A" - \$500.00
Class "B" - \$150.00
Class "C" - \$50.00

6. Application forms will only be issued against payment of a fee of \$10.00 which will not be returned. Persons applying by letter to the Secretary, Urban Council, for an application form should enclose a cheque for \$10.00.

7. The allocation of sites on the two island beaches will be determined by ballot, which will be held in the Urban Council Chamber at 3.00 p.m. on Monday, the 20th March, 1950. Applications will not be considered in respect of specific sites or in respect of any particular class of hut or site. In the ballot more names will be drawn than the number of sites available and a reserve list will be prepared in case any successful applicant fails to take up the site allotted to him. Successful applicants will be informed of the result of the ballot and will be required to pay the appropriate permit fee into the Treasury before the 30th March, 1950.

8. If a successful applicant fails to pay the appropriate permit fee within the prescribed time limit, the site offered to him will be withdrawn and offered to the top name on the reserve list.

9. Persons who have applied to the District Officer, New Territories for huts or sites in the New Territories are not debarred from applying for huts or sites on the island beaches, but if they are successful in the ballot for the island beach sites, they will be required to withdraw their names from the subsequent ballot to be conducted by the District Officer, New Territories.

10. Successful applicants will be granted permits limiting their occupation of the huts or sites allotted to them to the period specified in paragraph 5. Subletting or exploitation of huts or sites for gain is prohibited.

11. The permit will not be renewable and on its expiry the site and all materials remaining on it will revert unconditionally to Government.

Bathing Methods for Clubs and Associations

12. Existing permits, for sites allotted to Clubs and Associations will be renewed for a further year as from 1st April, 1950. Additional sites are available at Stanley, Main Beach and any Club or Association desiring a site on this beach should submit an application to the Secretary, Urban Council from whom application forms may be obtained. No charge will be made for such forms but a permit fee of \$100.00 will be charged in respect of sites so allocated.

13. Permits will be granted for the period from 1st April, 1950 to 31st March, 1951 only. Subletting and exploitation for gain will be prohibited. A further condition of the permit will be that the matched lot to be used exclusively by members and their families of the Club or Association concerned. On the expiry of the permit, the site and all materials remaining on it will revert unconditionally to Government.

WAR MEMORIAL TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NURSES

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3. Candidate must have not less than five years' experience after completion of training, exclusive of any post-graduate course.

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Application forms may be obtained from the Principal Matron, Medical Department, 1st Floor, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building and should be returned to her not later than March 15.

I. NEWTON,
Director
of Medical Services

NOTICE

CHINA EMPORIUM, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the seventeenth ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company, 62A-68, Queen's Road, Central, on SATURDAY, the 18th March, 1950 at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with the Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from SUNDAY, 5th March, 1950 to SATURDAY, 18th March, 1950, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board.

CHUNG KWAN TING,
General Manager.

Hong Kong, March 4, 1950.

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N. B. M. WHITLEY,
Secretary,
Urban Council.

Hong Kong, March 4, 1950.

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ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, March 15, 1950, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1949, and for the appointment of Auditors and Declaration of Dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from March 8 to March 15, 1950 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. S. YUAN,
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By Order,
S. A. SLEEP,
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Better to take life a little less seriously after the next few days. Be content with what you have achieved during the last six weeks—and relax. A chance to make useful social contacts, follow up some new personal tie should occur on Wednesday.

FEBRUARY

(January 21-February 18)
Wise to keep clear of controversy if you can. Disputes—particularly legal ones—likely to trouble mid-week. Socially and financially a propitious period. Some prospect of "gambler's luck" on Tuesday.

MARCH

(February 19-March 20)
A week for thought and planning rather than action. Get new schemes outlined, make sure you have the necessary co-operation, but don't make any drastic moves this week. Friday likely to be particularly interesting socially.

APRIL

(March 21-April 20)
Some danger of making the wrong link-up unless you are careful. Better be a trifle cautious about new acquaintances and business offers. Best day of the week for making any vital decision will be Friday.

MAY

(April 21-May 20)
If you employ others, much tact and restraint will be needed in next few days. If employed, fellow workers try to draw you into some unnecessary controversy. If you can keep aloof from disputes, concentrate on the job in hand, increased profits or a windfall likely on Friday.

JUNE

(May 21-June 20)
Time-wasters will be busy in next few days, so if you have anything worthwhile under way, be prepared. Necessary to keep aloof from social activities and turn a deaf ear to friends if you are to achieve much. Late in week good news of a profit-making scheme.

JULY

(June 21-July 20)
Family muddles likely to keep you busy and bothered for a few days. But after Wednesday the

WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

situation should clear up and you may find you are in pocket. Don't make unnecessary changes either in business routine or domestic life.

AUGUST

(July 21-August 21)
Impulse may lead you into queer situations in next few days. Better restrain your urge to champion oppressed friends or take up some forlorn cause. Mid-week might bring some speculative good fortune.

SEPTEMBER

(August 22-September 22)
Budget carefully in the next few days if you want to keep clear of muddles. Also, allow for unexpected claims on Monday. Family affairs under propitious stars later half of week. But you may have passing anxiety about dependants or employees.

OCTOBER

(September 23-October 23)
Difficult to see clearly ahead this week so don't make hasty promises or arrange unnecessary changes. About Friday news that should make life easier for the rest of the month. A good week for social and family life.

NOVEMBER

(October 24-November 22)
If you have enemies, they will be out for trouble in the next few days. If you can spot the mischief-maker, act at once and use drastic methods. Good news probable about a financial deal or proposed house move.

DECEMBER

(November 23-December 20)
Any difficulties this week would be of your friends' making and not of yours. If you can mind your own business, get on with what needs doing, all will be well. Tuesday probably fortunate for speculation and new deals.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5: FOR

MOST OF US: Likely to be an unsettled day; change of plan probably necessary this afternoon. Be careful if travelling much on the roads. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Cream, 1, Crystal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Restlessness may drive you into queer situations this year unless you are careful. Throughout 1950 and during the early days of 1951 it would be wise to go slowly and to make as few reshuffles as possible. If you can and the year with your present circumstances unchanged, you will be fortunate.

If you feel that changes must come about and that you cannot bear present conditions any longer, be sure you get the right advice before you move. June, July and September would be adverse months for any important change-over. Probably October and December would be more propitious.

Financially all's well provided you do not speculate. Whatever changes you make are not likely to affect your income to any great extent. Finances will be the least of your problems in 1950.

Don't travel if you can help it. You will be better at home than abroad this year. If you have to make long journeys or if you are a motorist, be a little more careful than usual, particularly during April, June and July.

The greatest tact will be necessary in the family circle if you are to avoid estrangement from someone dear to you. June may bring complications into personal relationships—that would cause much anxiety for the rest of the

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sent. If single and thinking of marriage, be content to wait at any rate until the New Year of 1951.

MONDAY, MARCH 6: FOR MOST OF US: Trust to inspiration today rather than to considered judgement. If faced with an emergency, be rather than obstructive. Evening hours propitious for most types of entertaining.

FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel shades, 6, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Now begins what should be an unusually interesting if rather difficult year. You should find great happiness in 1950 and, if interested in any of the Arts, increased facility in self-expression. In practical matters there may be some confusion or misunderstanding.

It would not do to be too conservative. In business remember that this year's profits depend upon what initiative and courage you possess. A new and daring scheme will probably do very well in about six months time.

There is some likelihood of travel and probably travel overseas. Don't hesitate to move about if you get the chance, although it may be difficult to see just where your journeys are leading. The more varied your experiences in 1950, the more valuable they will be to you.

This will be a most important year for anyone who is a creative worker or interested in the Arts. Socially, too, it may be an important period in your life. Stormy periods early in the year may be the prelude to some striking success later.

If now unattached, the chances are that you will plunge into some romantic adventure in a few months time. It is not so certain, though, that you would marry. If already settled, there is much happiness awaiting you in 1950, but at the same time some danger of a break with a close relative or cherished friends.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7: FOR MOST OF US: Be enterprising this afternoon and take a chance both over new acquaintances and new schemes. A good day financially if you are quick on the uptake. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Leaf Green, 4, Emerald.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Curiously conflicting influences dominate your life during 1950. On the one hand you will be irritated by some business restriction or family tie. On the other hand, money comes in more easily than it has done for some time and you should be very successful indeed in a new job or a new business venture.

Little use worrying about the past and what you may or may not have done in 1949. Some time about June or the beginning of October you should get an opportunity to make far-reaching changes in your way of living. If you let this opportunity slide you

will miss good fortune that should be yours towards Christmas.

Financially it is a fortunate year provided you don't try to revive schemes that have outlived their usefulness. Property, too, should prove disappointing in 1950. But anything of an unusual nature or that concerns transport or up-to-date devices would pay well.

Take any chance of travel that comes your way. You would not regret going abroad or moving to another part of the country. But don't go back to where you lived eight to 10 years ago or see too much of older relatives this year.

If single, it is an excellent year for getting married, and you would probably do so after a very short engagement. If already married, do what you can to change domestic routine, and to widen the interests of the entire family. However critical older people may be, don't take them too seriously in 1950.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8: FOR MOST OF US: Wise to go all out on latest scheme in hand and to get the ear of someone with influence. Better leave personal and family problems for the time being. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Orange, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: A curious hotch-potch of influences dominate your life in 1950. It looks as though you would make great progress in your work this year, travel, have many interesting experiences. But from the point of view of personal happiness all is not so bright. Trouble may develop through women at any moment.

If contemplating a change of job, or the launching of some important scheme, time your main effort for roughly October or November. Use the interval between your birthday and those months to get useful backing from older and more influential people.

If you have friends with authority and influence, you should be able to benefit through them in 1950. A much older man is likely to take a kindly interest in your affairs and you may gain some coveted benefit through his intervention.

If travel opportunities come your way, take them. It would be

worth while going abroad particularly if you have some idea of settling there. Alternatively, you make a journey that brings you in touch with relatives of old friends.

Although your personal life may be unhappy from time to time, your main relationships should be undisturbed. So if thinking of marriage, go ahead in spite of mischief-making friends. If already married, don't let disagreeable women relatives hold up any plans for a house move or change.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9: FOR MOST OF US: Difficult to do the right thing this morning. Be particularly careful about money. Also, use short-shrift with gossip and mischief-makers. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Sky Blue, 6, Lapis-Lazuli.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: For the first few months of your birthday year you are likely to feel ill at ease in spite of your responsibilities and expenses may increase. So a little extra caution and foresight will be necessary if you are to escape trouble in about six months time.

About all, don't be precipitate or indulge in rash gossip. You are in some danger of losing a useful associate through careless speech or impulsive action. Unless you are prepared to be entirely independent, better be conciliatory and friendly whenever you can.

If an employer, extra watch over staff will be necessary, particularly round about June. If employed, take care a subordinate or younger person does not do you a bad turn about the same time. A change of job would not be advisable this year.

Towards Christmas the general outlook improves. Something is likely to happen in December that clears your way towards progress in the following year. Also, finances should be easier then than they have been earlier in the period.

It should be an outstanding year for friendships and you will probably link-up with someone of unusual and striking personality. If married, take care family expenses don't get out of hand in the next few months. If single, enjoy new associations but don't count on marriage in 1950.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10: FOR MOST OF US: Useless, trying to revive former schemes or warm up old associations. All's well today provided you live in the present and not in the past. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Vermilion, 9, Bloodstone.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: In spite of underlying anxiety about a long-standing responsibility or old debt, progress this year should be most encouraging. In 1950 you are likely to forgo ahead in some profitable and

very interesting scheme and at the same time to make many new friends.

Financially all should be well provided you can cope with debts incurred a few years ago. Don't try to avoid responsibilities—but face up to them, bravely particularly in September. Compromise if possible with your creditors and where you can cut your losses and start again.

Meanwhile, make the most of new schemes particularly those that originate round about October or November. One of them may lead to travel or to some venture that means co-operation with foreigners.

Take care of your health this year, particularly during September. You may also have moments of worry over the health of an older member of the family. There is a possibility of bereavement somewhere in your circles of friends and relatives.

If married, keep older people from interfering in your domestic life if you can. Also, don't be too anxious to take on additional responsibilities. If unmarried, this will be a year of romantic possibilities although any engagement scheme would probably meet with family opposition.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11th: FOR MOST OF US: A quiet life would be desirable today. Don't allow yourself to be rushed into unnecessary changes. Mildly favourable for finance and entertaining. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Wipe Red, 3, Amethyst.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Although this may not be an easy year for you, yet it should be a financially fortunate one. Whatever problems you may have in 1950 they are not likely to be concerned with money. From the beginning of the year to the end you should lead a comfortable existence.

But it will be worth while resisting changes until after your next birthday. If in spite of your self, they are forced upon you, try to delay them until about February next. Don't embark upon reshuffles between June and September.

In particular, don't travel this year if you can help it. If you must take long journeys, don't go by air. Also, when on the move make sure that your health is well protected.

It would be wise to give a little extra attention to health throughout the year and to take pains to keep fit. Nervous tension would probably be at the root of most of your troubles and you would tend to worry unnecessarily about the future and about the family. Try to cultivate a dispassionate attitude towards your relatives.

Although family life may be somewhat disturbed, you will make many friends in 1950, and one of them may be exceedingly helpful to you in the years to come. However unconventional your ideas may be, don't air them too much this year. It will pay to keep on the right side of the orthodox. Also, don't move house if you can avoid doing so before October.

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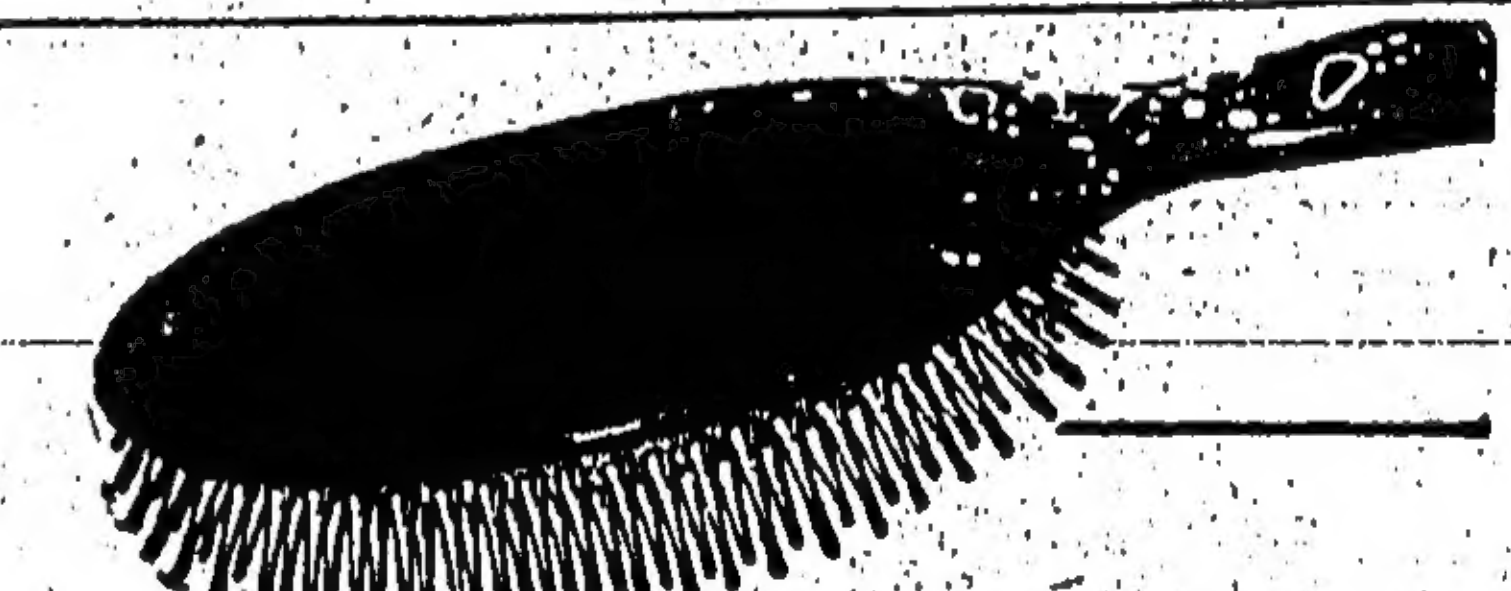
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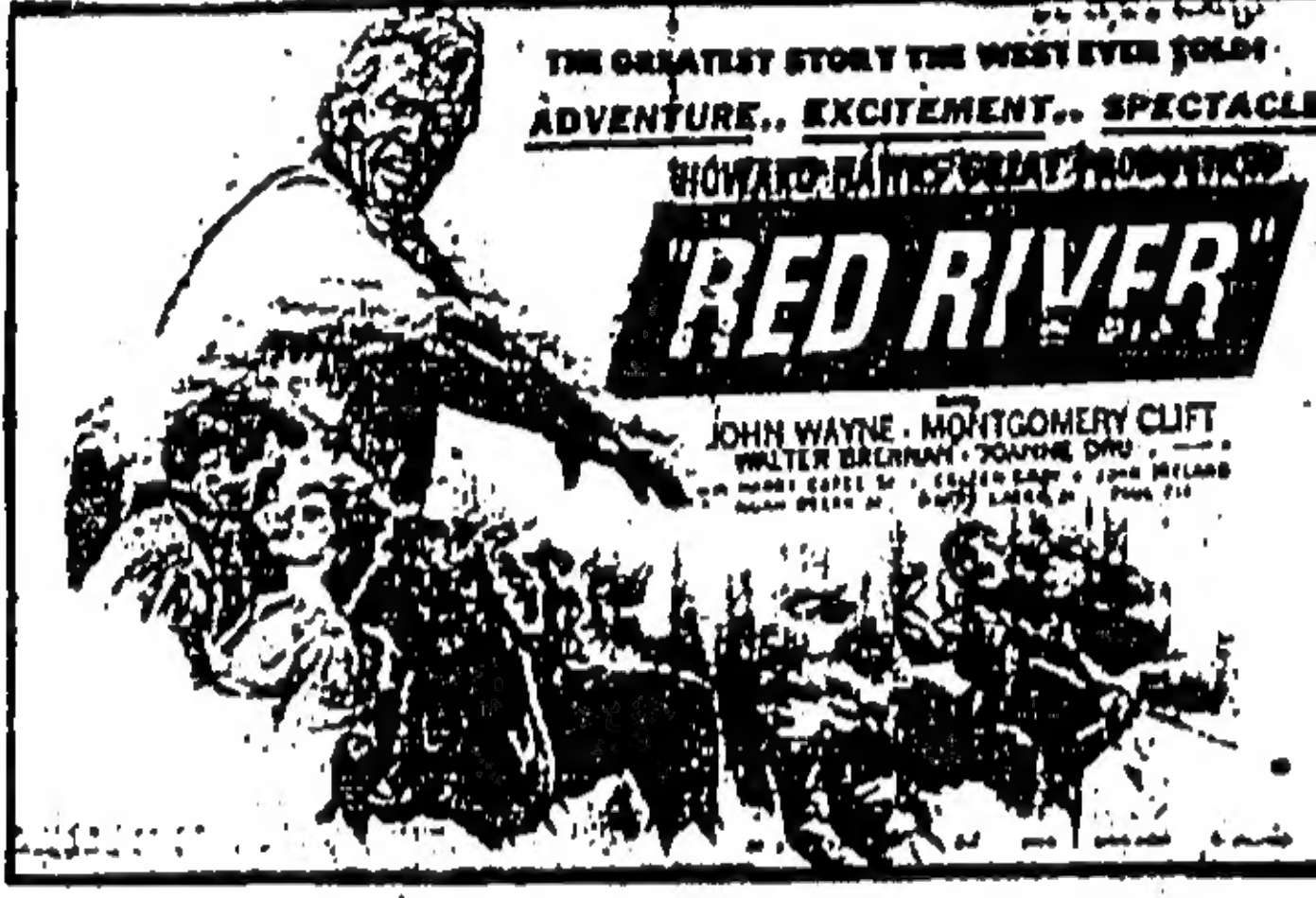
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10.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

10.02—Saturday Sports Results—Read by Bill Phillips. (Studio)

10.05—Friday Martin and His Orchestra with Vocal.

10.30—Walters of Frana Labor.

10.45—London Promenade Orchestra—Tito Schipa (Tenor) Guest Artist.

11.15—Relay of the Service from the English Methodist Church.

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12.00—"Victoria Review"—Conducted by Bill Phillips. (Studio)

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

12.32—Radio "Harmony" Lateral and His Rhythmic.

12.45—"Music for You"—With Geraldine and His Concert Orchestra.

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25—Interlude.

1.30—Morning Concert.

2.00—"Take It from Here"—With Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. (BBC)

2.30—"Playing Hot"—Presented by Graham Sacks. (Studio)

3.10—"World News"—(London Relay)

3.15—"The Spirit of Music"—Presented by Jacobson Grey. (Studio)

4.10—"A Short Story"—Which was "Wish Street"—by Stacey, Kummer, Read by John Loughlin. (Studio)

4.30—"Down Heat Poll Winners for 1949"—Presented by Ronnie Gibbons. (Studio)

5.00—"Home Requests"—Presented by Leslie Harris. (Studio)

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.02—"A Short Vocal Recital" by Dennis Noble. (Harmony).

6.15—"Early News Letter." (London Relay)

6.30—Review Even Song—Conducted by the Rev. J. F. Fong. (G.P. Studio)

7.00—"World News and News Analysis." (London Relay)

7.15—"Looking Ahead"—A Review of the Week's Programmes. (Studio)

7.30—Dinner Music.

8.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

8.10—Appeal for the Salvation Army—by Sir Arthur Murre. (Studio)

8.15—London Studio Melodist—Geraldine and His Concert Orchestra.

8.45—Symphony Concert—Britten's "Mousetrap" (Vivace) from "The Country" Cuck. Philharmonic Orchestra. Conducted by Rafael Kubelick. (Radio)

9.15—"The Spirit of Music"—On the "Rubinstein" Piano and the London Symphony Orch. Conducted by John Barbirolli. (Radio)

Symphony No. 4 in F Major Op. 90. 25. Felix Weingartner conducting the Philharmonic Orch.

10.00—Radio News Report. (London Relay)

10.15—Weather Report.

10.15—Chapter and Verse—An Anthology—Samuel Johnson. (BBC)

10.30—Berlin State Opera Chorus.

10.45—Paul, Weston and His Orchestra.

11.00—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay Recorded)

11.15—Epilogue. (BBC)

11.30—Close Down.

London, March 3. The Britain-China Conference, whose sponsors include Lord Boyd Orr, Nobel Prize winner, is supporting British commercial interests in China in their contention that the Chinese Nationalist blockade is jeopardising the anti-Communist front in Asia.

Jack Dribbon, Secretary of the Conference, said today several British concerns in China were pressing for immediate Foreign Office action to effect the raising of the blockade.

The Foreign Office would make no comment on a letter received yesterday from a representative body of British commercial interests in China seeking an interview with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin. It was known, however, that a representative of the China Association had an interview at the Foreign Office with a senior executive dealing with political aspects of Britain's relations with China.

Cables from Shanghai continued to stress "terrific propaganda value to the Communists" accruing from the Nationalists' stranglehold on the China coast. The messages said this is adding to the powerful propaganda resulting from the formal phrasing of the Sino-Soviet treaty.

They emphasised that the Chinese Communists are making an effort to break the Nationalist blockade and are extending no help to British or American interests which are confronted immediate liquidation mainly as a result of the blockade and inordinate wage claims by the Communists.

Shanghai messages also said the Communists did not bother to put up any defences when the Chinese Nationalists, using American Liberators, bombed the city.

Raids welcomed

British interests believe that the Communists welcome the raids for their anti-Western propaganda value, and also with the hope that they will drive out the superfluous population and starve out what remains of the Western influence.

Dribbon and a spokesman for a representative body of the British commercial interests said they intend making the strongest representations to the Foreign Office. They said they plan to ask Mr. Bevin to use all possible influence with the United States to bring pressure on Chiang Kai-shek to raise the blockade and ensure that there would be no further bombings on coastal cities.

In Shanghai, according to today's reports, a large section of the city is in darkness as a result of a direct bomb hit on the American-owned power station at Chapel.

The Foreign Office said that Mr. J. C. Hutchison, the British Charge d'Affaires, had his first meeting with the Chinese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Chang Han-fu, yesterday.

British commercial interests in China were urging that he should press for the freedom of movement for Western nationals in China where they say they are being held virtually as hostages—United Press.

Jap Diet members' U.S. visit

Washington, March 3. Fourteen members of the Japanese Diet paid a 30-minute visit today to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

During the first 15-minute they heard Mr. Acheson express gratitude to their visit and hope they found it valuable. Mr. Acheson then posed with members of the delegation for photographers in the diplomatic reception room at the Department. He gave an autograph to each member of the delegation.

Accompanying the Japanese were the Under-Secretary of Army, Mr. Tameo Nozaki, Colonel George Lynch, chief of Voorhees re-orientation section, Mr. John Allison, chief of the Department's Office of North East Asian Affairs, Mr. Joseph Ballantine, former head of Far Eastern Affairs, and Dr. J. Williams, representative of General MacArthur.

Mr. Voorhees told newsmen after the meeting that he believed that the six weeks were successful beyond all expectations. He expressed gratification that the members received a very cordial welcome throughout the United States and noted that even a "minor" incident, such as the refusal of the Boston City Council to admit them was of value in explaining the United States to the Japanese, because it showed them that a minority group has every right to express its opinion in any way it wants to—United Press.

Review of U.S. policy wanted

New York, March 3. Israel's request for American help in getting arms prompted the suggestion by a New York columnist today that the United States should review the whole Middle East situation with American allies, especially Britain.

"Why," Dr. Frank Kingdon asked in the New York "Post," is Britain supplying Egypt with fighting equipment far beyond any possible domestic needs? Why is Britain giving military supplies in almost gigantic proportions to other Arab nations? If this is done to prepare them against a possible Russian advance, why is Israel not getting the same kind of help? We should not hesitate to bring pressure on Britain to strengthen Israel, and if it refuses, to perform the task ourselves. By doing so, we would assure the defence of the whole region and incidentally, let the Arab nations know that they cannot attack Israel with impunity."—Reuter.

Rediffusion

A.M.

7.00—Up With The Sun.

8.00—News & Weather Report.

8.15—Orchestra.

8.30—Morning Music.

9.00—Sunday Variety.

10.15—Harmony Hall.

10.30—Festival of Wallace.

10.45—Church Service.

Light Music.

Organ Melodies.

P.M.

12.00—"Bar Low Hards de la Seine"

12.30—Sports Results.

1.15—Lunch Time Music.

1.30—News And Weather Report.

1.45—Popular Concert.

2.15—Afternoon Musicals.

4.00—Curtain Calls.

4.30—Ten Time Ten.

5.00—Music Hall Varieties.

5.30—March Parade.

6.00—Pofesa Favorites.

6.30—Just For You.

6.45—A special feature for Children.

7.00—B.B.C. News.

7.15—The Gracie Fielder Show.

7.45—Listen to Lebert.

8.00—Songs of the Railways.

8.15—Sammy Kay and his Orchestra.

8.30—"Wings of Darkness"

8.45—"Songs from the Shows"

9.10—Local News.

9.15—"Classics for Today"

9.30—"London Playhouse"

10.00—Organ Recitals.

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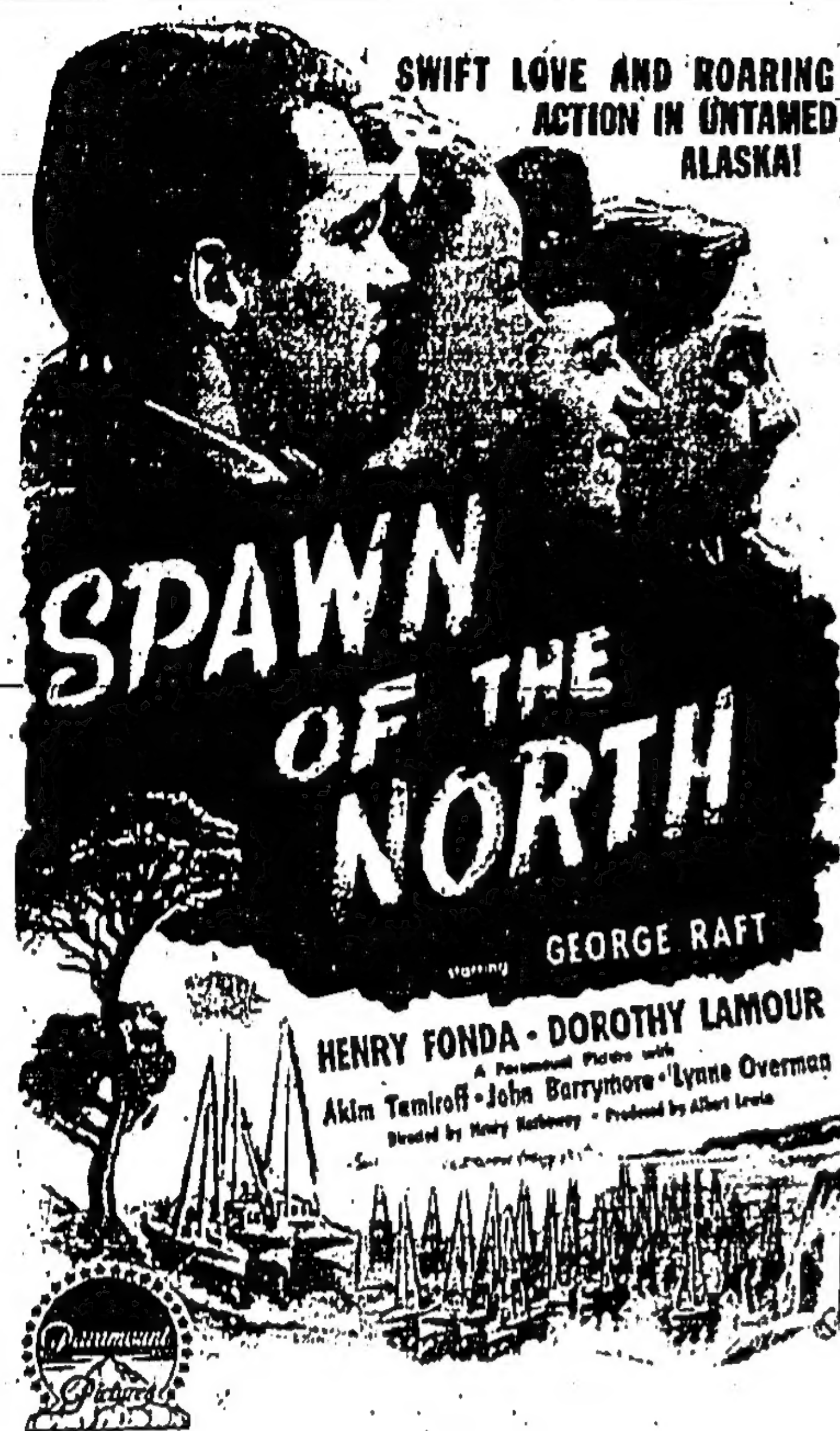
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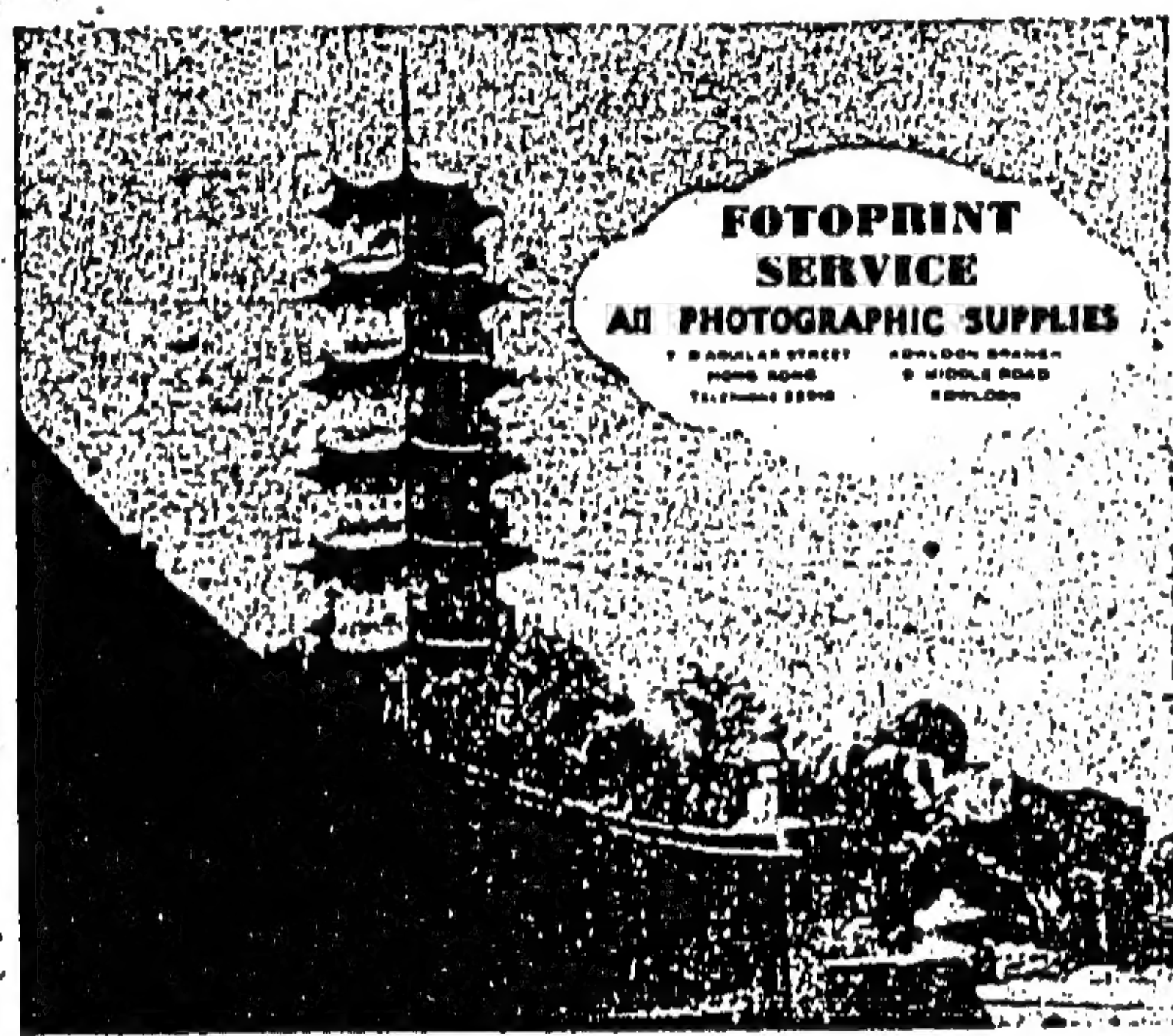
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U.S. FLEET WILL SHOW THE FLAG IN VIETNAM

Washington, March 3.

The United States Navy will show the flag this month in Indo-China's state of Vietnam, current South East Asia hot spot in the cold war. Ships and planes of the Seventh Fleet will visit Saigon, capital of the French sponsored state, from March 16 to 20, government sources disclosed. They will render full naval honours to the Vietnam Chief of State, former Emperor Bao Dai of Annam.

Russia can make atom bomb attack

Washington, March 3.

The Secretary of the United States Air Force, Mr. W. Stuart Symington, has warned Congress that Soviet Russia will soon be able to launch an atomic attack in significant strength.

His testimony to this effect before a House of Representatives Appropriations Sub-Committee at recent closed hearings of the Air Force's 1951 Budget requests has just been released for publication.

Mr. Symington also told the Committee that Russia has aircraft which can carry an atomic bomb to any part of the United States and return home.

"Except in one or two categories, their aircraft production is considerably greater than this country's and growing every day," he said.

General Muir S. Fairchild, Vice-Chief of Staff, said during the same hearings that any war between the United States and Russia might well be initiated by an intense period of atomic bombing.

The United States, he said, must do everything to develop its defences against possible attack. General Fairchild, told the subcommittee it seems that it will soon be a Russian capability to launch an atomic attack in significant strength.

Major General D. L. Putt, Director of Air Force Research and Development, testified that the Air Force sees a possibility that in the not too distant future all conventional military aircraft will be replaced by guided missiles.

President Truman said at a news conference yesterday that the United States defences are the strongest they have ever been in peacetime. There is not one word of truth to charges that economy setbacks have dangerously weakened the army, navy and air force, he said.

Mr. Symington told the subcommittee under questioning that the air forces' present 48 groups cannot be maintained in modern

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Doll rescued, but baby dies

Oklahoma City, March 3.

A two-year-old baby girl was suffocated in a fire here as a smoke-blinded fireman carried her large baby doll to safety by mistake. The child was alone in the apartment when the fire began. The fireman, Bob Coley, said: "I could not see a thing because of the smoke, but I felt something wrapped in a blanket. When I pulled it off the bed, it cried, just like a baby. When I got outside I saw it was just a doll—a big baby doll that cries."

Coley made a third attempt and found the little girl, but she died later.—Reuter.

Nazism in Germany real threat

London, March 3.

The re-emergence of Nazism in Germany was a threat to the whole democratic world, Mr. Alex Easterman, the political secretary of the World Jewish Congress, said at a press conference in London today.

Introducing Mr. Herbert Wollheim, Chairman of the Union of Jewish Communities in the British Zone, Mr. Easterman declared: "He has come to arouse the concern of the British public at the gravity of the situation which has developed since the war."

Mr. Wollheim said that the acquittal of Wolfgang Hedler, former member of the Western German Parliament, on charges of having delivered an anti-Semitic speech, meant that the Nazi regime in Germany was considered by a German court as a legal regime.

Mr. Wollheim complained that there was no law in the British Zone to protect minorities against racial hatred or incitement. Inciting anti-Semitic statements could be made with impunity, he said.

Instances of anti-Semitic feeling were returning in the British Zone, Mr. Wollheim declared. He believed conditions in the United States were worse in certain cases.

More than 100 Jewish cemeteries had been desecrated since the liberation. Expressions of regret at seeing Jews about again were "not too unpopular."

Mr. Wollheim estimated that there were 18,000 to 20,000 German-born Jews left in Germany today, most of them sick or old and stronger legal protection was very important for them.—Reuter.

and which has so far obtained enough international support to evade the sensible solution, which is partition of the territory," the weekly said.—Reuter.

'Economist' comments on riots

London, March 3.

The weekly review, the "Economist", commenting on the recent riots in Eritrea, said today that if the pro-Ethiopian behind the recent riots hoped to do their Emperor a service, they were surely mistaken.

"For the lesson of the bloodshed is that Copt and Muslim ought not to be asked to live together," the paper said.

It added that Eritrea, which is now being visited by a United Nations Commission to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants, was the least homogeneous of Italy's former colonies.

The "Economist" declared that the motive behind the recent violent outbreak in Eritrea was chiefly political.

Stating that the Copts wanted union with their relatives and Christian co-religionists of Ethiopia, the "Economist" added, "their views are opposed by their Muslim neighbours. They have usually demanded independence and have been encouraged in this demand by the local Italians."

"But they have now split into two groups, the larger of which is believed to be going to ask for a continuance of a quiet life under some form of British management, possibly through union with the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan."

"This last suggestion, while not viewed with any special enthusiasm by the various authorities in Khartoum, would not be unacceptable to Great Britain or to Egypt."

"But it would be greatly disliked by Ethiopia, which claims that all Eritreans are Ethiopians."

Refugees stranded on border

Bonn, March 3.

Poland and the Soviet Zone authorities were moving about 250,000 German refugees to the West German border, an authoritative Allied source said here today.

This was 10 times as many as the Allies had agreed to accept, he said, explaining reports from Goettingen, in the British Zone, earlier today that 700 refugees were stranded on the Soviet side of the border because the authorities refused to admit them into the British Zone.

Transfer of 25,000 Germans was arranged after negotiations to which the British Zone authorities were a party, he said. They were mainly people who, living in those parts of Poland which till the end of the war were German, had not opted for Polish nationality. They wanted to join their relatives in West Germany.

The source said "it was difficult to avoid the conclusion that Poland in this manner hoped to get rid of a large number of its German-speaking population." —Reuter.

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condition without an increase in the budget for the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

But Mr. Symington supported Mr. Truman's \$4,433,478,000 air force budget for the coming year because, he said, they believed an economic disaster might prove as fatal as a military disaster. —Reuter and United Press.

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ASSETS

Bonds—Government, municipal, public utility and other	Can. \$1,132,518,900.33
Stocks—Preferred and guaranteed	34,566,694.85
Stocks—Common	73,993,390.16
Mortgage loans on homes, industrial plants, etc.	157,399,990.22
Real estate (including Company buildings)	14,935,190.51
Loans to policyholders on their policies	60,578,174.23
Outstanding and deferred premiums	21,673,315.00
Interest and rents due and accrued	12,229,229.51
Cash	17,288,569.42
Other assets	2,384,273.84
Can. \$1,527,515,783.56	

LIABILITIES

Reserves on assurances	Can. \$921,984,425.00
Reserves on annuities	283,260,460.00
\$1,205,244,885.00	
Policy proceeds and other amounts left at interest for future distribution to policyholders and beneficiaries	151,155,171.37
Amounts set aside for Company retirement plans	26,417,233.80
Death claims reported for which proofs had not been received prior to December 31st	8,601,094.45
Provision for unreported claims	3,987,641.00
Matured endowments, annuity and dividend payments awaiting discharge	8,829,921.37
Dividends payable to policyholders during balance of dividend year and dividends contingently allotted	6,162,310.11
Taxes, commissions, medical fees, etc., due and accrued	7,225,084.42
Miscellaneous reserves and liabilities	6,831,231.51
Accident and sickness insurance fund	200,519.18
Shareholders' account	2,505,423.03
Capital	\$ 2,000,000.00
Contingency reserve	15,000,000.00
Surplus	89,355,368.82
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Reds to undertake land reforms, Peking Radio says

San Francisco, March 3.

The Communist authorities in China are to undertake land reform and the collection of public grain in newly liberated areas, Peking Radio reported tonight.

A directive, signed by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, has been published by the Government Administration Council of the Central People's Government.

This directive says, in part: "Distribution of the land in all newly liberated areas will not be carried out before the autumn harvest of 1950. Those parts of 12 provinces where preparation has been adequate and the level of understanding and organisation among the masses is appropriate, redistribution of the land may be started upon the decision of the Provincial People's Government. In these provinces (Kiangsu, Chekiang, Anhwei, Fukien, Kiangsi, Hupeh, Hunan, Kwangtung, Shensi and the parts of Kansu, Ninghsia and Chinghai populated by the Han nationality), the Provincial Government may also decide to effect the land distribution until the autumn of 1951 if they consider the preparations inadequate."

"Rent reduction should be carried out in all newly liberated areas before the distribution of the land. Until that time, landlords may continue to collect the reduced rent but may not sell or otherwise dispose of their land. Sale of land between peasants is not prohibited because their land in any case will not be confiscated or distributed."

Sabotage prohibited

"Land may not be permitted to run to waste in the meantime and neglected land of landlords may be allotted to others or used by the local government. Sabotage, killing of draught animals, wrecking of implements and so on are also prohibited."

"Public grain collected by the Central People's Government may not exceed 17 per cent of the total agricultural yield in newly liberated areas. Additional public grain collected by the local government may not exceed 15 per cent of that collected by the Central People's Government."

"The levy must be fixed on the basis of the actual agricultural income of the family and the grain tax paid by a landlord family may not exceed 80 per cent of its total agricultural income or in special cases 80 per cent. Excessive levies should be refunded."

"The payment of public grain by the landlords and peasants should be adjusted according to the amount of rent reduced and should fall on 90 per cent of the total population at least. Where landlords have collected no rent, the appropriate grain tax should be paid by the tenants."—Reuter.

KIDNAP ATTEMPT A FAILURE

Paris, March 3.
The police announced today that an attempt to kidnap the 14-year-old son of the Vietnamese Chief of State, Bao Dai, was thwarted last night. The police received word from the Surete Nationale headquarters in Paris that an attempt by extremist elements to kidnap the boy, Bao Long, at present going to school near here, had been planned for last night. Special precautions taken in advance thwarted the plan.—United Press.

Land-grabbing by peasants in S. Italy

Rome, March 3.

In the new wave of "land-grabbing" by unemployed peasants in Southern Italy, more than 100,000 acres have been seized in the past few days.

Although a number of people were injured in a clash with the police at Sulmona, about 75 miles from Rome today, the police have for the most part contented themselves with formal protests.

The Italian Government is expected to try and decide on Monday what action needs to be taken.

Meanwhile, the campaign of land-grabbing now threatens to spread into Central Italy. Agricultural union leaders threatened tonight that unless the 12,000 unemployed and landless peasants on the estate of Prince Torlonia received either work or land they would seize uncultivated areas on his estate at Fucino, North of Rome.

The Prince, Italy's biggest landlord, owns about 100,000 acres. About 25,000 men and women live on his lands—and almost 12,000 of them are unemployed and landless.

The 24-year-old Prince has made it clear that he will not give up any of his land, and scores of armed men are now patrolling the 40-mile road which encircles his estate at Fucino. In Rome, it is feared that if the Torlonia peasants seize land on the Fucino estate it would be a signal for action by all the other landless peasants in Central Italy.—Reuter.

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THE GERMAN EXPORT DRIVE

German firms are being subsidised by their government to put "Made in Germany" back on the map in an all-out export drive for dollars.

Combined pressure of two million unemployed and American reminder that dollars do not grow on trees have at last put some ginger into Germany's foreign trade efforts.

British exporters should watch the Germans once they get going. Low wages and competition in the labour market of millions of penniless refugees streaming in from the East may help German manufacturers to squeeze their prices down below world levels before long.

First step to get into the U.S. market is an allocation of £350,000 to set up a "German export research bureau" in Washington.

Combined with the export drive is a cleverly thought-out "squealing campaign" that the British are trying to prevent Germany competing in world markets.

German newspapers allege daily that Britain is Germany's "arch export foe" and is using her position as an occupying power to steal orders from German firms. They say openly that British officials tell British firms when German firms are asked to tender. According to the Germans this enables the British firms to put in lower bids and so secure the business.

A German manufacturer said the other day: "The British have started using their famous secret service to ferret out our latest trade secrets because they find it less easy to find out what we are doing than they did immediately after the war."

Persecution neurosis

Apart from their persecution neurosis the Germans are really setting about capturing world markets with a will. In 1949 their exports to U.S. amounted to £1,800,000—a 70 per cent rise on 1948. But they still have a long way to go to reach the 1923 figure of £80,000,000. This week a German trade delegation arrived in Lisbon to try and sell "Made in Germany" to the Portuguese.

In Egypt Krupp's of Essen put in tenders for the big power station to be built for the Assuan Nile dam. They claim their tenders "cannot be beaten".

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British, U.S. French, Swedish, Italian and Swiss firms are competing for the order. Krupp added as an inducement that their workers are "disciplined"

By Anthony Terry

and can be relied not to strike or cause trouble on the job."

They have told the Egyptians that they are willing to take a considerable amount of payment in cotton which Egypt is finding hard to sell.

In Frankfurt, where the Germans have their export shop window, the "export-import"

recently booked by a Bavarian firm. Italy under a new trade agreement is buying £1,800,000 worth of German dyes, sheet iron, scrap

castings, and prefabricated houses. The Germans are also opening a Chamber of Commerce in Rome with a trained staff will "sell" German goods to the Italians.

Further competition

Competition from Germany will one day come from the East

Last year Eastern Germany sold £2,000,000 worth of portable typewriters, accounting machines, sewing machines, cinema projectors and cameras to Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Italy in addition to the Soviet satellite countries where most of their business is done. The East German Communists also claim to have booked large orders from America for Zeiss cameras now made in Jena in the Soviet zone. In the same city the Russians are producing penicillin at the rate of 120,000 million units a year at 12/- per million units. They know they have little chance of selling it against Britain and U.S. but they mean to try.

Britain has a long start on Germany where exports are concern-



exchange this week offered the world German machinery, artificial fabrics, electrical equipment, tools, cars and lorries, toys and handicrafts.

Some of these goods the Germans are finding hard to sell. Turkey is one of the countries anxious to "buy German", but the Turks want steel for reinforced concrete, paint and tools. The Turks are choosy. So far the Germans have only been able to sell goods worth \$2,800,000 to Turkey to offset imports valued at over £10,000,000. Frankfurt has reported that West Africa was asking for German tenders for glassware, cameras, hurricane lamps and kitchenware.

Australia has offered German exporters good prices for poplin for making raincoats, and from the Argentine has come a demand for a variety of "Made in Germany" articles, including seamless pipes, glauher salts and eccentric presses. An order from US for 300 light motorcycles was

as well as the Western Zones. The Soviet-controlled East-zone republic has also launched a big export drive.

As part of their "Unite Germany" propaganda the Communist Ministry of Trade has announced that it will pass on to West German firms any orders which the nationalised factories in the Soviet zone are unable to carry out. West German firms, unwilling to fall for this crude Communist propaganda, are nevertheless toying with the idea of closer collaboration with the Eastern zone where it can be profitable. So far the Communists have failed to keep their promises and the advantage has been mostly one-sided.

The German Communist government has announced its first export-drive move—it is opening export bureaux in a number of capitals outside the Iron Curtain countries. Amsterdam, Stockholm are to be the first.

ed. But the Germans hope to capture some of those export markets and they are prepared to work hard for long hours to achieve their aim. And their products are getting better and cheaper day by day. America has said "export more or we slow down Marshall Aid." And the Germans know they mean it this time.

BOOS AND HISSES AT TRIAL

Rome, March 3. Journalists at the trial of the former Italian Marshal, Rodolfo Graziani, today booed and hissed a prosecution witness who referred to reporters as "informers". Graziani looked up and smiled encouragingly as catcalls and shouts of "lies, insults" came from the Press Gallery during the prosecution evidence of Vittorio Foschini, chief of the Military Information Service in Mussolini's Republican Government—Reuter.

Holmes is an A.I. export

By Christopher Morley

On a foggy and drizzling evening in January, 1950, at a club in New York City, 50 men drank a standing toast. It was in regret and homage to their own boyhoods; it was occasioned by the soon approaching demise of "The Strand Magazine." Some 30 of the convives were members of the Baker Street Irregulars, a club whose membership is limited to 60—the number of the Sherlock Holmes stories.

The others were delegates from "eclectic" societies, viz. satellite chapters from other fast-bourgeois or cities, of which there are about 30. Surely it is a unique tribute to an author whose name, officially, is never mentioned. The traditional mystique is that Holmes and Watson are so much more real than their creator that except by privilege from the Chair (known as The Gargoyles) the Agent is never mentioned by name.

Nothing can ever change the worldwide magic and renown of Holmes and Watson. They are fixed in parallax, disorient of modern declivity: stylized as the lion and the unicorn. I know even less about economics than Lord Beveridge or Professor Arnold Toynbee, but I suspect that Holmes and Watson are Britain's Invisibles Exports.

And (since you insist) the Baker Street Irregulars, of New York, now enjoying their 10th year of lively homage, actually began with four schoolboys in Baltimore about the year 1902. They called themselves then, and still do, The Sign of the Four.

One is the senior professor of Greek at Harvard; one is a physicist of the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, and knows more than anyone needs to know about undersea explosions; one is a renowned physician in Baltimore; and the last is your reporter.

The fundamental doctrine of the B.S.I., when they set aside for an evening the irrelevant trivialities of their own lives, is that the Holmes-Watson saga (officially denominated by Mr. Elmer Davis "THE SACRED WRITINGS") is more actual and more timely, than anything that pens to ourselves or happened to its mortal mouthpiece. The greatest art is the annihilation of art.

I once went to Somerset House, or whatever it's called, to "search" the will of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. I couldn't help wondering whether in his final testimony he had made any mention of his humble passports to immortality. I paid my shilling (just as Holmes used to at "Doctors Commons") and read the document, in his own clear masculine hand—so like the map of the Priory School neighbourhood. Not a word about the incubus Holmes and yet Holmes, even in profile and robe and headgear is pretty nearly the Dante of our modern inferno. With profound insight the

B.S.I. have adopted as their colours the three shades of Holmes's dressing gown. It faded as all mortal energies do: from royal purple to bleached blue; from heliotroped blue to mouse. Mouse, by the way, was the colour of the settees in Simpson's famous Chess Divan as reported in T.L.S.s. "New Arabian Nights," from which A.C.D. unconsciously borrowed so much.

So the B.S.I. published for three years a quarterly journal (whose motto was "When was so much written by so many for so few"), but if you can get from your bookseller (Argus Bookshop, Mohegan Lake, N.Y.) those three volumes you will have the best winter evening reading of a lifetime. Myself, I would rather have them than a first Bristol Cream of Wordsworth Coleridge's "Lyrical Ballads."

Wordsworth and S.T.C. were also greatly anxious about affairs in 1798. But now we need to know, as Holmes asked Watson, "What do you know of the black Formosa corruption?" How I would have loved to ask Madame Generalissimo Chiang that question just before she took off by plane lately—she is, obviously, the Irene Adler of South-East Asia.

Or when Holmes spent the great hiatus (1891-94) in Tibet, wasn't he making arrangements 60 years ahead for what's getting ready now? Or the reptilian Moriarty, oscillating his cobra brow over the dynamics of an asteroid, was doubtless precursing uranium and hydrogen bombs, all fixation spent.

What could the great untold story of the Politician, the Light-house, and the Trained Cormorant have suggested but the career of Sir Stafford Cripps?

These are the hints the B.S.I. follow through. Why did passengers on the C.V.R. have to take lunch at Swindon? Exactly how (and with what type scalpel) do you nick the tendons of a horse? What was the precise layout of the rooms in Baker Street? Was Sherlock illiterate, I mean could he read? Why did Watson always have to read aloud to him all letters and telegrams? Why did Holmes never eat fish, but always game, beef, and boiled eggs? Why did he never drink tea? Why was he such a poor marksman? These are the parables or parallels, the most innocent diversion of our lives.

Myself, I do not wholly agree with the tradition that A.C.D. should never be formally mentioned. I loved him long before his helms and assigns and agents were born, and I find in his writings the most delicious asymptotes to the Holmes-Watson Codex. As I have often said, how ridiculous he was only knighted—he should have been Sainted. What opiate can beat abate Anxiety and toll?

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By acting with despatch during the two months it has occupied the Treasury benches the Menzies Government has pleased the electors who sought a Government that would do something about things, and this satisfaction increased the gala atmosphere in Canberra when the 19th Federal Parliament was opened in traditional style.

Plenty overtime had been spent on the bill for the repeal of bank nationalisation simultaneously with one to restore the Bank Board which gives Parliament the responsibility for determination of the financial policy of the nation. In the business of doing first things first Prime Minister Menzies' first business will be for the most favourable date for presentation to the people of the constitutional amendment to prevent any Government nationalising any undertaking without first holding a referendum.

Canberra back room boys say the Socialist objective is causing concern among middle-of-the-road Labour politicians, and a powerful and vocal bloc of rank and file party members. Labour today in a spot and it will be interesting to watch the tactics of the Labour-dominated Senate as the Menzies-Fadden Government continues to fulfil its promises.

Chief concern of the Treasurer is the inflationary element which requires a full-blooded effort to halt the upward spiral. It is felt that Australian costs and prices have not yet reached the extreme danger level, but they are rising more rapidly than in any other English-speaking country. The windfall export monetary gain from devaluation have been accompanied by a less obvious but disturbing change in domestic costs, and this ominous increase is weakening the competitive basis of Australian industry, and, unfortunately, is likely to have more permanent in character than the current upsurge of export prices. The situation continuing, even a slight fall in monetary demand, as, say, a sag in export income, could have serious consequences.

Quite a large section of the community continues to grizzle that the country hasn't a chance to forge ahead until the Australian dollar is appreciated, but the postulate that living costs would be substantially reduced by appreciation is not encouraging when there is no suggestion of calculations in support of the argument. If the Government appreciates the Australian dollar to parity with sterling manufacturers say they may do well reach for their hats and take to the open road because their stocks (in excess of £1 million) would be reduced overnight by 20 per cent and the injurious effect on industry would start the rot in export trade on a permanent basis which they have been at great pains to establish. Revival of the export trade is a threat to the home market because there would be a flood of goods from the United Kingdom and European countries, most of which have deflated their currencies to help with their export trade.

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AUSTRALIAN LETTER

When facts are marshalled in favour of the appreciation of the Australian dollar there is always much flap about the £450 millions sterling to our credit in London balances even though perhaps these are not just as good as the figures indicate. The cautious and critical make allowances for 'hot' money and commitments of a capital nature already entered into, and when they've gone through all the motions of put and take, that those who have the down-hill with figures do with such devastating effect, we are left with the doubt as to whether the balance is materially in excess of £100 millions.

Human slide rule

While the committee of experts is busy on a plan for tax simplification a 20-year old human slide rule, Eric Ristrom who is assistant secretary to the Victorian Taxpayers Association, has popped a comprehensive ready-reckoner plan on the Treasurer's table which really has the answers for what every tax-payer should know.

Four years ago Eric started as office boy, and he fairly rocked Canberra when he worked back through income tax cuts announced by Mr. Chifley and unearthed the hidden formulae. Finally it took him 40 hours to nut out the simplified tax plan which is but the passing of a moment considering our tax system in the world. While he is confident that the major part of the plan could not be improved he is equally confident that the Government will not accept the plan in toto because, young as he is, he has deduced that Government's just don't do that.

Colour bar

Humanity is back in its right place again since the Menzies Government reversed the unsympathetic enforcement of the Immigration Law as it effected Mrs. Annie O'Keefe (Indonesian), Mr. Frank Jang (Chinese) and Sergeant Gamboa (Filipino).

The rigid enforcement of the colour bar (which primarily was intended as an economic safeguard) without regard for exceptional circumstances, can only create hostility towards Australia and as the inflexible attitude by no means represents the feeling of the average Australian, the people who voted the Chifley Government out are satisfied that the cases of aliens resident in Australia are now being handled the humane way. Special cases will receive special consideration and each war-time evicuee case will be re-examined and the recommendations made will depend entirely on whether Immigration Officers consider the evacuees will be able to take their place satisfactorily in the community. Our Immigration Policy although not relished has been understood by our Northern neighbours who are bound to feel better disposed now they can be reassured that more respect will be paid to human rights and international relationship.

Australians travelling in foreign countries are well aware of the prestige of a British Passport and particularly so since the words were dropped last year to conform with the new Nationality and Citizenship Act.

Many complaints reached the Government from Australians travelling abroad of difficulties caused by the change in the passport, and as we are really British subjects with every right to participate in the prestige and privi-

leges of a British Passport, what more natural than that it should be changed again bringing the magic words once more to the fore. The change will give proper emphasis to the fact that Australian passports are not only Australian, but are, as they have always been, British passports in the widest sense. The retention of the words 'Commonwealth of Australia' and the Commonwealth coat of arms gives distinction so that the passport will not be confused with those issued by other countries of the British Commonwealth.

TB check

By spending five shillings and five minutes everyone in New South Wales can check themselves over for TB, and for those who cannot afford the nominal fee the service is free.

In fighting the scourge the Anti-TB Association plugs for early detection as the greatest weapon in the fight, and mobile units tour the country in the effort to help every citizen to help himself. Prior to the tour, four officers go ahead to pep up local interest through press, screen, and radio.

Although the association gets a small Government grant, most of the money needed to run its anti-TB activities, about £50,000 a year, comes from public subscription. The mobile clinic consists of a £12,000 van equipped with special X-ray equipment and operated by a driver-technician and an assistant under the supervision of Dr. Leighton Anderson. Men and women attend on different days but children under 14 are not examined because medical opinion is that the rate of TB in this age group does not warrant it.

Those with any sign of the disease are notified within 14 days and must report again for a thorough overhaul. X-rays are kept in the association's office and are available to the patient or his doctor. Results from the mobile clinic have proved so satisfactory that officials say that 20 mobile units they could really stamp out the disease.

Diplomatic posts

Much speculation amongst back-bench Liberal members about the course the Government is likely to follow in making future appointments abroad since the news broke that No. 2 in the Liberal Party, Defence Minister Harrison, is to go to London as Resident Minister.

Mr. Harrison's appointment was Mr. Menzies' personal responsibility but he consulted the other members of his Cabinet who, with possibly one exception, are known to be in favour. In the lobbies when Liberal and Country Party members met before the opening of Parliament private members were talking of the consideration that should be given to future overseas appointments with the posts of Ambassador to Washington and High Commissioner to Canada to be filled.

There is no doubt about the deep loyalty of Mr. Harrison to the party, in fact it is said that his only fault is that he allows his fanatical hatred of Communists and Communism to throw him off balance too frequently, but the question to the fore is whether his experience will enable him to cope with the problems that will arise daily in London where considerable knowledge is required to conduct

financial negotiations for Australia with the British Government, and with financial interests in the City of London.

It was a matter for some regret that the appointment had to be announced not upon the heels of Mr. Harrison's venture into odd self-expression which impelled him to refuse dinner with the Governor General in the belief that he was being consistent by clinging to a decision announced when party feeling ran high. Piquancy was given to the incident when Mrs. Harrison, who is known as a devoted wife, calmly told her husband that she thought his attitude wrong, and promptly accepted the invitation which Mr. McKell extended to wives of Ministers for tea at Yarralumla.

Saving grace is that the Minister, who quite rightly refused to discuss his refusal, is now telling the story against himself, and, too late, admitting that upon reflection his lady can show him a point or two in social procedure. What is intriguing Canberra even more is the very strong current report that the new Resident Minister is to become Sir Eric in the Birthday Honours list which is expected to announce for Australians this year. If this comes to pass, the man who would not come to dinner with the wife of the Governor General will have to accept the accolade of Knighthood from Mr. McKell.

Searchers' agency

Now is the season of the general exodus for England, most Australians preferring to arrive in the cold country a little ahead of summer. The earliest to push off always include a fair sprinkling of opportunists who intend to prolong their trip by taking a job and these will make straight for the Searchers' Agency.

Started by Australians, Jill and Beth Campbell, following up their problem of finding accommodation in London, this accommodation agency attracts as many English as Australian clients to the smart office in Shepherd Market, that odd spot of Mayfair.

Maitland Levy, who is conducting his art career, also has an interest in the agency and after supervising the interior decoration knocked up something extra in the way of a shingle as well as display cards to tell from other windows just what the Searchers' will do for visitors of residents.

It took a letter from Australia to remind court historians that Queen Mary is the longest lived though non-reigning Queen in Britain's history. When the news arrived out of the blue it created a certain amount of interest for not even the Queen Mother herself had realised that she had attained the distinction. Queen Victoria died four months short of attaining the age of 82, while Queen Mary, who was born in the same room in Kensington Palace, was 82 on May 26, 1949.

INSIDE INFORMATION

By Mercury

Molotov's secretary, Semyon Kozlov, has been selected for the key post of Soviet Minister to Egypt with instructions to extend Soviet influence in the Middle East.

More Czechoslovak officials in London have resigned. The duty commercial attache, Dr. G. Kluger, and Dr. Rudolph Beuk, in charge of the Czech Institute, have been granted political asylum in Britain.

Admiral Richard Connolly, American C-in-C, will visit Saudi-Arabia shortly and discuss oil strategy with Arab states.

The U.S. will issue a Tomas Masaryk commemorative postage stamp.

Russia now has a staff of 300 at its Bernese Embassy. The Nazis had only 180 diplomatic personnel in their Embassy at the height of their subversive activities in Switzerland.

The West German Government will submit to the Allies in April lists of German prisoners of war still in Russian hands. A census is nearly complete.

Russia is now releasing some German General Staff officers and intelligence agents who have been held since 1945. Others are being sentenced to terms of imprisonment up to 25 years.

Roman Catholic leaders from behind the Iron Curtain countries will hold a secret council in March to discuss religious persecutions.

An extensive plan for the RAF in 1950-51 will be submitted to the Government after the election.

The Home Office is to send squads round Britain showing ways of decontaminating areas hit by atom bombs.

There will be an international football conference in 1951 to revise off-side rules.

American and German firms in heavy industry are already discussing cartel practices. They want to avoid cut-throat price competition and share world markets.

German steel magnates are preparing to make big exports of oil-boring equipment. They hope that British steel will be nationalised, believing that State ownership would handicap their chief competitor.

Despite official disapproval of Franco Spain, there is a longer list of British diplomats applying for service in Madrid than for any other capital.

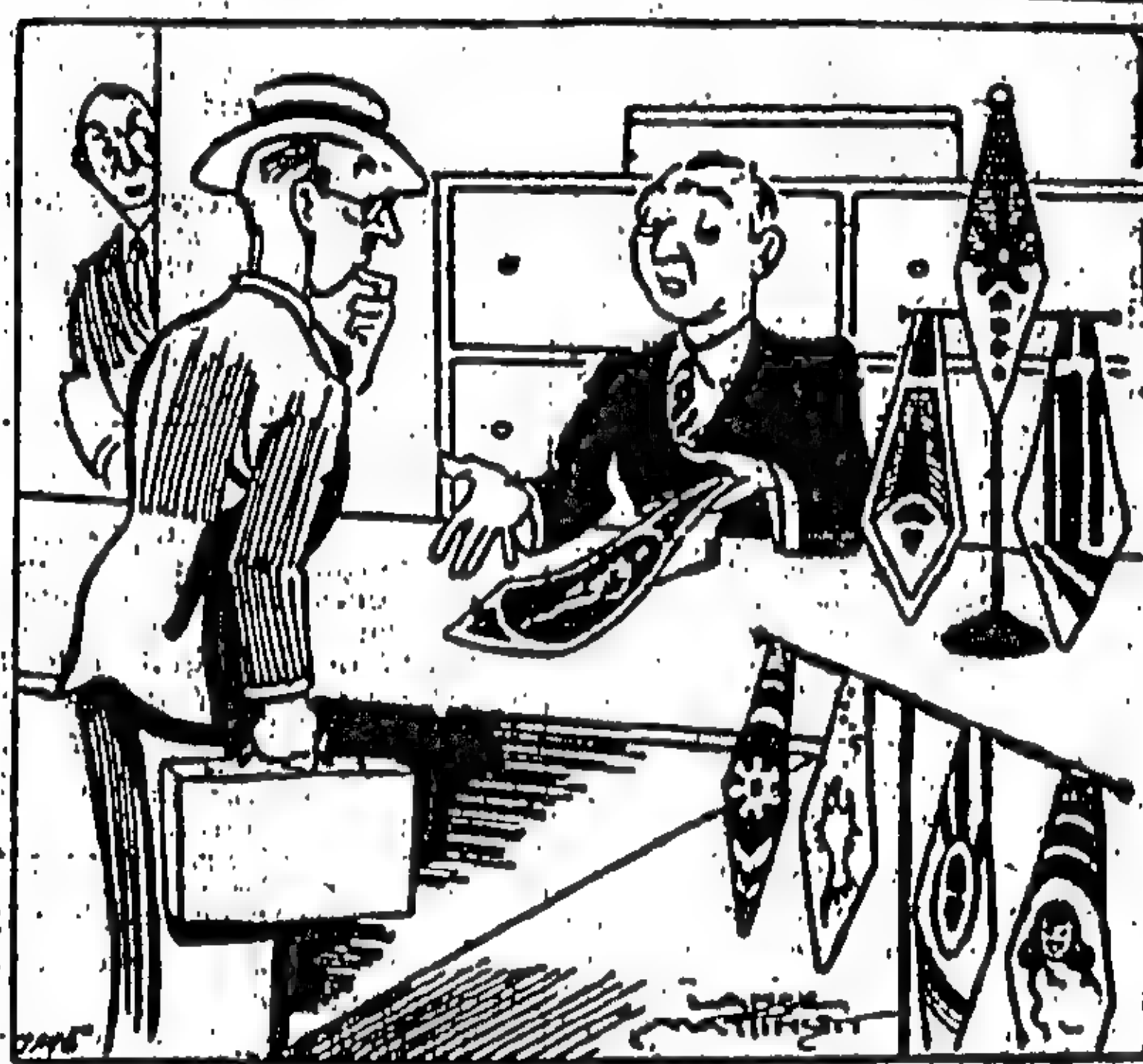
Racial unrest in South Africa makes a General Election likely. General Smuts has sent a special observer to study the British elections.

Britain and America are studying plans for a deep laid oil pipeline in the Persian Gulf area. It would be proof against sabotage and bombing.

Madame Benes, widow of the late Czech president, has been refused permission to go to Switzerland for her health.

Private members will present a Bill to the Italian Parliament for making divorce illegal in all circumstances.

Troops from Iron Curtain countries will carry out combined manoeuvres with the Red Army in Eastern Germany next month.



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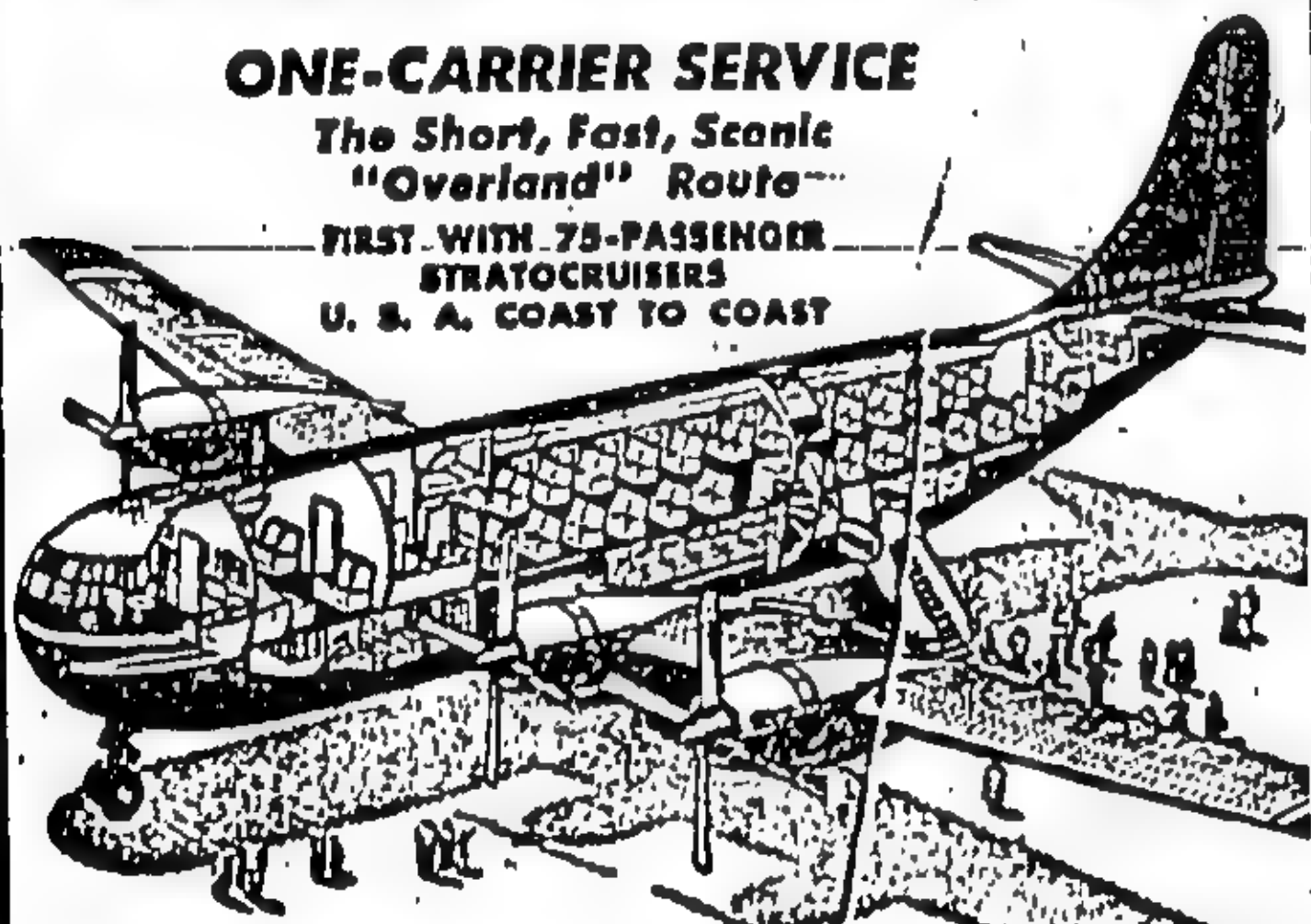
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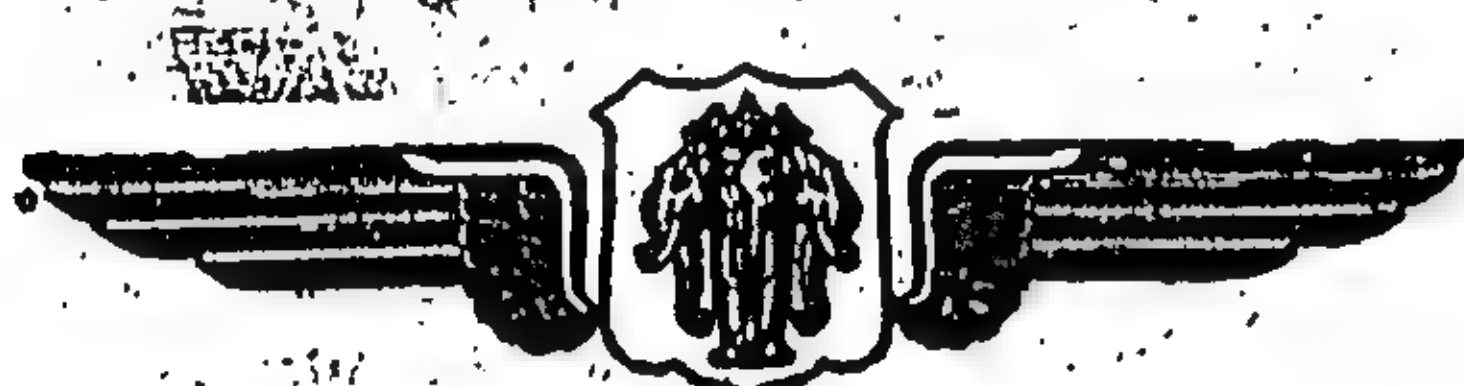
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THE BATTLE OF IDEOLOGIES

Other times and climes—other revolutions. This seems to sum up the reflections of our able contributor "Windrush" when he recently surveyed the Asian scene in the "China Mail." He was discussing the need of an ideology that would compete with Communism in the battle for the mind and future of the resurgent peoples of this Continent. It is a problem, he says, for the philosophers of Asia, and for those of the Western countries which hope to see South Asia saved from Russian control.

The processes of revolution and change differed in China and Japan because of different internal conditions. In Japan the impetus came from above, in China the process works up from below. The liberties and freedoms of the West are the fruit of its history and traditions. The agelong background of Asia is utterly different. It is steeped in an autocracy or theocracy sometimes benevolent but often despotic, cruel and ruthless. It was reasonable to assume that, in the passion for all things new, the East would zealously fasten on precisely those ideas of freedom from the West which are at once most strange to their own, and most basic in Western civilisation. In differing detail with differing environment, that has so far been true, in form and approach if not in substance.

Yet at present Communism seems to have a greater hold on the youth of Asia than any other doctrine available today. The mighty romance of the United States seems to have lost something of its great magnetism: in its political idealism if not in its vast material achievements. But if extreme Capitalism has lost its appeal, there is the silent social Revolution in Britain to give sustenance to the claims of the West. Nor can the immense historical transformation in the Commonwealth which has occurred in Asia be without its claims on the ideals and aspirations of Asian youth.

Yet if we faced the truth fearlessly, most of us would admit a sense of discomfiture, if not a sense of something lacking, in the conflict of ideologies. Ours is a way of life, infinitely varied, that has proliferated upon certain distinctive foundations. Respect for the human personality and for personal liberty are fundamental characteristics. It is hard to reduce a way of life to a doctrinal thesis, that is what Marx and his followers have done for modern Communism, and thus facilitated the easy conversion of the bookworm.

But whether we regard Marxism as a Western heresy or a Eurasian product, a line has to be drawn between its economic doctrines and the totalitarianism within which they have been imprisoned. The Western Socialist, who also believes in freedom, cannot be called a heretic: his lineage is too obvious and continuous. The Communists speak of Marx—they do not speak of Caesar save to denounce him. Totalitarianism is imposed, it is not preached as a faith. Even as a discipline, it has no claim or aura of permanence. The Party line is insisted upon as an urgent need of immediate policy: a means to an end, not an end in itself. So also are the means whereby the acceptance of the electoral principle is sabotaged by the single list. The Communists, too, have

Princess Elizabeth was an old, not long ago, as to tell young women that they should not, on occasion, be afraid of being called prigs; and that, in the easy-going moral temper of our age, was both a statement of unusual audacity and a piece of stimulating advice.

Most of us are moral cowards, and perhaps the commonest form of present cowardice is to shrink from any faint or suspicion of private virtue.

There is much that used to be regarded as stark evil which we no longer fear at all, but we should be deeply embarrassed if anyone accused us of being good.

We must not, we feel, appear better than our neighbours. We must not work harder, nor think more profoundly, nor show the unruly spirit of independence.

It is not only our present system and philosophy of government that persuade us to march always with the majority, to keep step and observe the special limit; but the spirit of the times—though a little unhappily, and now perhaps with increasing doubt in the voice—also recomends compliance with popular judgments and the common attitude.

It is easier to comply, and a general compliance suits equally those who rule us and those who tell us the goods that—produced for mass consumption; while we who are ruled, and we who buy, are saved a lot of inconvenience—the inconvenience of thinking for ourselves, for example.

As a political theory, *laissez-faire* has been banished, but a good deal of moral *laissez-faire* has taken its place.

Spivs and prigs

A by-product of the exchange is that spivs are often tolerated, while prigs are more often barred. Now this shows a monstrous collapse of values, for the spiv—though he may have ingratiating manners and some gift of entertainment—is in fact a corrupt fellow and a destructive parasite; but the prig, at worst, is a bore.

The prig, moreover, may serve a great purpose. Those towering and tremendous Victorian reformers were usually rather

priggish, but they laid the foundations of all the social improvement on which we pride ourselves today.

The prig lives not according to convenience, or in the easy-going compliance of the majority, but according to principle; and because principles are more

important than convenience, Princess Elizabeth did well to speak against the fear of priggery.

We are, of course, still under the influence of what we remember, or what we have read or been told, about our grandfathers and their rigid, intolerant, dictatorial ways; and because we are determined to avoid their faults, we have swung too far the other way and missed their virtues.

Parents, having given up thinking for themselves, no longer feel confident enough to check, chide, and—when necessary—to beat their children for vile behaviour.

In industry the stern rule of the employer has been broken, but the Trade Unions, powerful by far, have locked their members in to prevent him from locking them out; and that ignores a man's right to think for himself as drastically as ever an employer ignored his right to proper food and proper leisure.

And in the conduct of international affairs policy outwits principle time and again; policy will politely shake hands with bloody hands, and tear up its last year's promise to write a new one that will endure no longer—but the world no longer applauds a diplomatic victory as once it used to.

There used to be a well-known revivalist hymn, a vulgar hymn that rose to a belligerent chorus, excellent for shouting in the streets.

Dare to be a Daniel,
Dare to stand alone,
Dare to have a purpose firm,
And dare to make it known!

Now to the properly taught citizen of the Welfare State, where to stand alone is to stand apart from the compliant multitude, that may seem a little

Mr. Acheson clarifies

Till recently it was a fair criticism to pass on American foreign policy, that in too many directions it was undefined.

split personalities, and Stalin's Imperialism has become an Imperialist heresy.

There is a timeless competition between freedom and tyranny as between good and evil. We must not be unduly dismayed if in ebb and flow of this ageless conflict we seem to have entered a period in which the tide of freedom is at an ebb. It will flow again more strongly than ever, perhaps even in Russia. It may be said that Sun Yat-sen was the most representative Chinese of this age. He advocated a form of State Socialism in close liaison with the industrial nations, in a programme of development far beyond the scope or capacity of private individuals. But he was also committed to an immense form of democratic election which went right down to the very hamlet.

The Chinese Communists have also envisaged a similar development, and Mao Tse-tung's recent study of the Soviet system of elections may not necessarily give him the last word upon it. The present ideology in China owes its domination less to widespread conviction than to its unity with the new power, which again is transient. Even in these things the tides are swift and ever-changing.

There is a time for everything under the sun. We have a sounder and stronger ideology in the great human freedoms than ever tyranny or totalitarianism possessed. Its appeal at the moment may not be so obvious as it was a generation ago. But it is latent, and it is already a formidable part of those ideas which the peoples are trying to digest. The Chinese will take their own time in creating their synthesis. The State is certain to take a very great part in economy, the political and social life of the people will probably follow the path of liberalism; but totalitarianism is not a temporary reaction but a glad and permanent choice.

In the absence of clear direction from above, opinions expressed in the Senate and the House of Representatives tend to vacillate under the impact of current events—at one moment the fall of Chiang's regime in China,

that goal. The goal was peace; the most desirable way to it would be by agreement with Russia; but "four years of negotiations have led to the conclusion that this is not possible."

By Scrutator

at another some British or European financial policy, or the sensation over the hydrogen bomb.

The Executive is apt to be too frightened of Congress, and Congress too frightened of the voter, for it to be easy to frame policies proof against passing moods.

More lately, however, much credit must be given to President Truman and Mr. Acheson for the series of attempts they have made since the New Year to clarify America's attitude towards the foreign situation.

The mouthpiece of their endeavour has, as is normal in American practice, been Mr. Acheson, the Secretary of State. At a Press Club luncheon he discussed American policy towards China and South East Asia and Russian aggression in that quarter; in a letter to Senator Connally he defined his country's attitude regarding Spain; and at a Press conference he came to very close grips with the main problem of American policy issues raised by the speeches of Senators McMahon and Tydings about the new super-bomb.

Realistic attitude

The leading feature in each of these utterances has been realism. Mr. Acheson refused to propound or to detach Formosa from China because, whatever the Chinese people wanted, they plainly did not want Chiang, and as plainly Formosa was not worth the bones of an American G.I.

He refused to think that any good purpose had been or would be served by withdrawing American forces from Spain, and was prepared to cast America's vote in the General Assembly for a resolution leaving the member States free to send one if they choose.

Similarly he pointed out that the proposal of Senator McMahon to buy atomic disarmament by a "global Marshall plan" of 20,000 million dollars (including a large sum to Russia) and Senator Tydings' plan for a world disarmament conference in 1950, were not only well as atomic weapons were simply not practical.

The two speeches represented more the goal of American policy than instructions to be followed.

reactionary in its sentiment; and to some of the representatives of our doubtfully United Nations, anxiously weighing dreadful risks and their awful fates against some temporary and dubious advantage, it might sound like the voice of madness itself. But are they all good judges?

Past failures

Convenience and expediency have failed us in the past, and, of themselves, are scarcely to be trusted in the future; but principle, so much neglected, might come to our assistance refreshed by its long holiday.

There is a muttering here and there, that new leadership is needed to maintain the old values of truth, and justice, and private liberty; but leaders need the stiffness of principle, for no one can follow a contortionist.

How exhilarating, and what a change from the contortionists, would be a Daniel standing straight and resolute, and proclaiming the king-craft of sheer righteousness!

Into battle

How astonished we would be at the first words of his doctrine—how alarmed, perhaps—then, with the rousing of a sense of purpose, with a reawakening knowledge of life's high seriousness and our own importance to it, every man's importance there would come surging up a great confidence—as it did so absurdly, it seemed, and so splendidly—in our year of loneliness in the last war—and before our now strength old heavy perils and whistled memories might cover and vanish.

These islands of Britain, we are told, would be the storm-centre of another war. Good! For if that is so, we are strategically well situated for opening the offensive, before war is declared; an offensive against lethargy and mere convenience, against spivs and empty politics, against dreary acquiescence and all the ancient tyrannies, large and small, that have masked themselves with new lies to hide their horrid faces.

A benevolent offensive, and not for ourselves alone, but for all humanity, which everywhere is bedevilled by the same enemies; and the munition factories can start working tomorrow, for in your own conscience, Sir, and in yours, Madam, and yours too, my dear reformed Spiv, must the weapons be forged.

HARD CASH PIMPERNELS

By Eric Bourne

Escape organisations like the European "Pimpernel" groups who saved numerous shot-down RAF pilots from capture and smuggled them back to England during the war have been assisting scores of anti-Communists to leave Czechoslovakia during the winter.

Accurate figures are not, of course, available, but, according to one conservative estimate given me by a Czech source this year, not less than 300 Czechs have successfully crossed the heavily-guarded borders into Germany and Austria each month mostly with the help of these organisations. The figure may well be higher.

How many more make the attempt and are captured turn back because of unexpected obstacles, no one can tell.

Escape in the first six months of Czech Communist rule was relatively easy. Passports had not been called in, many normal border crossing points were open and the "green" frontier was only lightly policed.

In those days Czechs who wished to leave were often able to secure papers on the strength of their passports, backed up by bribes. Others simply took the train to the last town before the border and obtained a local guide who escorted them over the line for a small reward.

Police watch tightened

Gradually, however, the police watch was tightened. Most of the Western crossings were closed, leaving only one each into Eastern and Western Germany and a third into Austria.

Hundreds of security police, with well-trained dogs and Tommy-guns, were drafted to the borders to reinforce the regular patrols. Long stretches of "green" frontier were heavily wired and trip-lines connected to alarm bells in nearby police posts were laid through woodland undergrowth. I have seen them myself.

All passports, except newly issued diplomatic ones, were declared invalid and confiscated.

Reports early last year indicated that the number of successful escapes was declining, police captures and shootings on the border were going up.

The escape organisations began to get to work. Rumour said that some of the early ones were engineered by the police themselves and that numbers of unsuspecting Czechs were led to betray themselves in this way.

There were more reliably-based reports that dummy frontiers had been marked out inside the actual borders and that between the two lines, Czech police lay in wait, masquerading in American army uniforms.

By the end of the summer, several organisations were known to be operating from headquarters in Prague, with branches at Pilsen in the West and Brno to the South East, the main jumping-off point for the escape run into Austria.

RAF fliers in their journey back home were passed from group to group, from point to point on a carefully timed schedule. In much the same way these Czech organisations have laid their lines to the border.

They fix the day for the attempt to begin, and notify the person concerned to get his solitary bag packed. They give him only a few hours notice of actual departure time and then he is off, passed by road or rail to a carefully chosen rendezvous near the border. Here other members of the line take over.

These know where the border patrols are thickest. They know the movements of the patrols at night. They know if a lonely guard can be bribed—and often he can be.

Armed bodyguard

I heard of one organisation which usually takes two, three or four persons at a time, sending along with them a small armed bodyguard prepared to shoot; it out with the police, if need be, while their wards make their getaway.

There is one difference between these Czech organisations and the RAF escape lines maintained by patriotic French and Belgian "Pimpernels" during the war. The latter risked their lives every night, and asked no reward save the satisfaction of knowing they were returning valuable men to the fight against the Germans.

The promoters of these escapes from behind the "iron curtain" are careful to take few risks themselves. They care nothing about politics and sit back and make money—big money—out of their unhappy countrymen.

Cheapest fee I heard of was 15,000 crowns (£107)—the "poor man's rate" it is called. Most expensive was 40,000 to 50,000.

The price goes up according to the value of your baggage. One organisation even instituted its own "customs" to make sure it was not being deceived.

Prices are high but there is a much greater chance of escape under present conditions than by an ill-planned solo effort.

The actual routes? The surest are kept secret, even from the person making the escape. Sometimes, though, not now—it was the luggage boot of a car. Sometimes, during the winter days, the underneath of a coach on a continental train. Sometimes stuffing at the bottom of the hold on a laden coal-barge, on the Elbe.

But mostly it is still the secret paths through the woods or mountains known only to local woodmen and shepherds. These men get paid well, for detection means several years in prison or a long stretch in a forced labour camp for themselves as well as for their charges.

FOOTNOTE: This article would be sufficient in official Czech eyes to convict me of having contact with "anti-state" organisations. Under the Communists' Law for the Protection of the Republic—which applies to foreigners—I could go to gaol for "failure to inform" upon breaches of the security law.

The truth is that in the last six months so many people were talking openly of their wish to leave the country that it was impossible not to learn something of the methods.

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EAST-WEST BREACH IN U.N. UNLIKELY TO HEAL

Dr. Lie says Russian attitude unchanged

ALL PROPOSALS AIRED

Lake Success, March 3.
Secretary-General of the UN, Mr. Trygve Lie, indicated on Friday that despite continuing efforts by top officials to heal the East West breach in the United Nations, there is no evidence that Russia has changed its attitude toward returning to the world organisation.

Mr. Lie told a news conference that the proposal by Senator Brien McMahon for a special General Assembly session on Moscow had not been discussed in his private conferences with delegates of the Security Council.

But under repeated questioning he added: "All possible proposals have been discussed. I think Russia will hold to the statement it made when it left the Security Council."

Russian attacks Britain, U.S.

Moscow, March 3.
President Nikolai Shvernik, in an election speech at Sverdlovsk on Friday, said "the Anglo-American imperialists are trying to unleash a new war against the Soviet Union and the countries of people's democracy."

It was the first appearance of a Politburo member in connection with the election campaign which will end on March 12.

The speech was devoted to the achievements of the Soviet regime. Shvernik declared no force on earth can restore capitalism in the Soviet Union or the people's democracies. He cited as an example the socialist growth and the revaluation of the rouble (to the gold basis) "inasmuch as the dollar is an unstable basis due to the decline of its purchasing power." He said "the rouble will be the strongest, most stable currency in the world because it insures further growth of the national economy of the USSR."

Shvernik contrasted Soviet prosperity with "the growing economic crisis in the United States and Western Europe, failure of the Marshall Plan, and the existence of 40 million unemployed in capitalist countries."

Fight to go on

He said: "In order to vitiate the destructiveness of the oncoming economic crisis, the Anglo-American imperialists are trying to unleash a new war. But, he added, the Soviet Union would continue to fight at the head of the large, rapidly developing world-wide peace movement and expose the warmongers everywhere."

Principal newspapers published full-page enthusiastic reaction of China, Czechoslovakia, Albania, Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary, Mongolia, Rumania, and Germany to the revaluation of the rouble and the reduction of Soviet prices.

The report was accompanied

When the Soviet delegate, Jacob Malik, walked out of the Council on January 13, he announced that the Russians would not return until the Chinese Nationalists had been unseated in favour of Mao Tse-tung's Communist regime.

Mr. Lie added: "There is nothing definite concerning a special session of the General Assembly. It has been and still is under discussion between the delegations."

He also said that proposals for a special "periodic meeting" of the Security Council, to include as many chiefs of state or foreign ministers as possible, probably to be held in Europe, "is merely a question under consideration between the delegations."

Visit to Europe

He disclosed that he plans to visit Europe at the end of April, but has no plans to go to Moscow. There had been reports he would visit the Kremlin in a personal appeal to end the United Nations impasse.

Mr. Lie announced he received protests from Mr. Malik and other Communist delegation leaders about the death sentences against a group of Greek trade union leaders in Athens.

He said the protests would be given to the permanent Greek delegation here and sent to the United Nations Commission on the Balkans in Athens.

He said arrangements have been made to send eight military observers to the United Nations Commission in Korea which came into the line of fire from troops of the Soviet-supported Northern Korean regime last week on the 38th parallel.

He also indicated that an announcement might be made in the next three or four days on the chairmanship and personnel of the United Nations commission which will supervise UN work and the relief programme in Palestine.—United Press.

by descriptions of alleged starvation conditions in Yugoslavia and deteriorating living standards in Holland and Greece.—United Press.

G-Men to check atomic leakage

London, March 3.
About 20 American G-Men in Britain have been ordered to check information provided by the British Intelligence Service, MI6, and other Security officers, the "Daily Mail" reported today.
They are trying to find out how the atom spy, Klaus Fuchs, secured credentials giving him access to all American atom bomb secrets, the newspaper said.
Britain's decision to tighten its security services was again front page news in the national press, sections of which continued to criticise the Government for its "inept" counter-espionage.—Reuter.

France, Saar conclude agreement

Paris, March 3.
France and the Saar cemented their economic union today with a series of five agreements designed to mould the two countries into a permanent economic unit.

The five agreements were signed at the French Foreign Office at 1115 GMT by the French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, and the Prime Minister of the Saar, Johannes Hoffmann.

The agreements, under negotiation here since February 7, gave France a 50-year lease on the right to the Saar coal mines, subject to recognition of Saar ownership of the mines by any future German peace treaty.

The French Foreign Office spokesman said France would renounce her claim to ownership of the Saar mines and indicated that full French backing would be given Saar-ownership claims against the claims of Germany when the German peace treaty is written. The five agreements were:

General agreement

1. A general agreement supporting the principle of political autonomy and administrative, legislative and judicial powers of the Saar government.

2. Agreement bolstering economic union of the two nations by ruling out discriminatory trade practices and providing for free and full movement of goods between France and the Saar.

3. Saar coal mines agreement.

4. Agreement setting up an autonomous Saar railroad system, but giving France an equal voice in administration of Saar railroads and providing for nationalised French railroads to furnish technical assistance to the Saar network.

5. Agreement giving citizens of each country approximately equal rights in the territory of the other.—United Press.

present situation in Bengal brooked no delay and could not be left as it was.

The only way to deal with it was "to address ourselves to the basic problems and at the same time and some present solution of the immediate problem."

The Prime Minister added: "Any attempt to rush a solution of the bigger problem without fullest consideration and preparation for it can only lead to chaos and disaster."—Reuter.

AGREEMENT IN U.S. SOFT COAL STRIKE LIKELY

Washington, March 3.
Sources close to the soft coal negotiations said tonight that John Lewis and the operators were near agreement on a new contract.

Government mediators took a suddenly optimistic view after President Truman asked Congress for authority to seize mines. The sources said a contract might be arranged tomorrow unless some new complications arose.

Still belligerent miners in the coal fields were saying tonight that they would return to work only if a contract was signed or if Mr. Truman made an "honest" seizure of mines with profits going into the Federal Treasury.

The miners' feelings against the operators continued to run high. For example, a miner in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, said he would work under a bona fide government seizure and he hoped "it will teach the operators a lesson they will never forget."

Republican Senator Robert Taft denounced President Truman's seizure bill as "complete capitulation" to the Union.

Mr. Truman called for seizure powers after all other government efforts by mediation and court injunctions to end the four-week total strike had failed.

The Democratic leader, Senator Scott Lucas, promised that the President's request would get the fastest possible action. He said a Saturday session might be held and the seizure bill could be passed by Saturday night.

Boards proposed

With his message, Mr. Truman sent proposed draft legislation and asked Congress to act as quickly as possible. He proposed the establishment of two impartial boards—one to recommend "fair and just compensation" to the operators for use of the mines, and the other to ensure that the miners receive "fair and just compensation for their work."

President Truman stressed that he did not propose legislation as a means of dictating settlement of the eight-month contract dispute. "They will have to settle their differences through their own collective bargaining just as though government operation were not in effect. I do not propose to substitute the government's representatives for private operators at the bargaining table."

He said the government would not establish wages, hours or working conditions that would bind either miners or operators upon the resumption of private operations. He specified that the mines would be "promptly returned to private hands" once the country can be assured of sufficient coal supplies.

Mr. Truman divided blame for the strike equally between the owners and the miners. He said the present impasse resulted because both operators and the Union had not engaged sufficiently in what he called genuine bargaining. He described coal as a sick industry and said temporary seizure could not produce a lasting cure.

"I am recommending seizure authority because I believe we now have no alternative," he said. But he recommended also that Congress establish a commission of inquiry to make a

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Desire for unity in N. Africa

Lake Success, March 3.
Mr. Adrian Pelt, United Nations High Commissioner for Libya, said today that the people of Cyrenaica Tripolitania and the Fezzan showed a marked desire for unity.

The great problem was to decide what form the new Government should take, he added.

Mr. Pelt, who has just returned from a preliminary survey of the former Italian territory, told the press that the two-year period decreed by the General Assembly for effecting an independent, sovereign Libya was a short time, but it can be done.

He said that he found the entire area perfectly quiet.

There was much discussion about the possible establishment of foreign military bases on Libyan soil. Although some people were worried about the territory's defences, they agreed that no foreign element should play a prominent role in Libyan political affairs.

"There is a fairly general understanding among the Libyans that the presence of certain European elements is useful, particularly in economic matters," he said.

There was still a strong anti-Italian feeling in Cyrenaica, but the majority of people in the three areas felt that all European elements which remained on Libyan soil should become Libyan citizens.—Reuter.

The Hague, March 3.
The Security Council has the right to veto General Assembly recommendations for United Nations membership, the International Court of Justice has decided today.

But it ruled that both the Security Council's recommendation and the General Assembly's decision were indispensable to form the judgment of the Organisation.

The Court was giving an advisory opinion on the Assembly's competence to override the Security Council when an application for membership failed to secure a Council majority or was vetoed by one of the five Big Powers.

The Council, which considers applications before they go to the Assembly, last year rejected, either by a majority vote or Big Power veto, a series of applications including Ireland, Austria, Bulgaria, Ceylon, Hungary, Italy, Portugal and Rumania.

The Assembly had asked the Court's ruling last November, against Russian opposition, when Argentina claimed that according to the United Nations Charter the Security Council could not veto applications for membership.

Argentina interpreted Article 4, Paragraph 2, stating that admissions "will be effected by a decision of the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Security Council" as meaning that seven or more favourable votes in the 11-member Council constituted a recommendation.

The Court said that both the Assembly and the Council were principal organs of the United Nations and the Security Council was not in a subordinate position.

If the former had power to admit a State without the Council's approval the latter would be deprived of an important role in the exercise of one of the essential functions of the Organisation. It was impossible to admit that the Assembly had powers to attribute to a Security Council vote the character of a recommendation "when the Council itself considered that no such recommendation had been made."

Contention dismissed
The Court dismissed a contention that it was not competent to deal with the case by referring to its interpretation of the Charter in May 1948.

It then ruled that a United Nations member was not entitled to make consent to the admission of members dependent on conditions not expressly laid down in the Charter.

The Court also made it clear today that it was not asked to determine the rules governing the Council's voting procedure, nor to examine whether the negative vote of a permanent member of the Council was effective to defeat a recommendation which had obtained seven or more votes.

Its decision was given by 12 votes to two, the dissentents being Judge Alvarez, of Chile, and Judge Jose Azevedo, of Brazil.
Judge Alvarez claimed that the veto was created only to maintain peace and international security and its exercise must be kept within limits.—Reuter.

U.S. BANS RED DEAN'S ENTRY

Washington, March 3.
Twelve leading Europeans have been denied permission to enter the United States, the State Department announced today.

The Europeans included Pablo Picasso, world famous Spanish painter, and Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury.

The group had planned to visit America to petition Congress and President Truman for the end of the East-West arms race.

The State Department described Picasso as "a member of the French Communist Party since 1944. He has been a leading figure in various Communist front organisations including the International Committee of the World Partisans of Peace."

Of Dr. Johnson the State Department said he was "a member of the Editorial Board of the 'Daily Worker', delegate to several conferences of the Partisans of Peace and British member of the World Peace Committee."

A third member of the proposed delegation who has been banned from entering the United States is Mr. Ivor Montagu whom the State Department described as follows:

"British film producer, director and scenarist, and active in many phases of motion picture production. He has been a Communist Party member since 1932 and is a member of the 'Daily Worker' editorial staff."

Belgian Scientist
One of Belgium's leading atomic scientists, Dr. Max Cosyns, is also included in the list.

The State Department described him as being "Belgium's foremost atomic scientist and associate of Professor Piccard since 1932."

The description called Dr. Cosyns an avowed Communist sympathiser and said that he had been playing a vigorous role in various front organisations.

In formal statement, the State Department said, "The 12 delegates..."

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RETURNED TO POWER

AID TO INDO-CHINA SEEN TO BE A GAMBLE

Paris, March 3.
Informal Western diplomats say that American military aid to the embattled French forces in Indo-China would be America's greatest gamble yet in the cold war.

The diplomats give the French, even with American backing, less than an even chance of crushing the Communist-led guerilla forces recently recognised by Russia as the legal government of the rich and strategic territory.

They see real danger that the United States, lined up on opposing sides of the four-year-old Indo-Chinese conflict might be drawn into a shooting war.

The big question is how far Russia would go to support the 60,000 armed rebels led by Ho Chi-minh who fought the French to a standstill since 1946 with no open help.

One diplomat believes: "With only a fraction of whatever help America gives the French, the Communists can hold out for years. With substantial Russian aid, they could create an impossible situation for both France and the United States."

The French request for American military aid—reported to be about US\$30,000,000 and now under study by American officials—would prove to be only the first drop in the bucket. Guerilla forces in all of the three large areas they control could receive Russian aid either by sea or overland across the border from Communist China. With a steady flow of supplies, they could keep the country in a turmoil by swooping down to attack isolated villages and French outposts, then retreating back into the mountains and jungles where the French so far have been unable to follow in force.

Other officials call the projected American aid programme to Indo-China the "Truman Doctrine for the Far East" and compared it with the American experience in Greece, where the cost of military aid ran above US\$100,000,000 a year. But they cite what they call important differences:

Boo's weakness.
1. Indo-China is more than five times as large as Greece and has a population three times as great.
2. The French—sponsored Government of Emperor Bao Dai is now weak and commands little respect even among those who hate Communism.
3. The French are unlikely to accept as much American military and economic control in Indo-China as the Greek Government did.

French Army officers admit to a further handicap in Indo-China. The French have 125,000 troops fighting there, plus about 25,000

Vietnamese regulars and as many more local troops organised in Home Guard companies. French military experts say that is not nearly enough manpower to stamp out 60,000 elusive Communist guerillas, but Government officials have balked at pouring in sizable reinforcements. The Government said any substantial increase in the French forces in Indo-China would mean either broadening of the national draft law or would leave the French unable to fulfil their obligations as one of the occupying powers in Germany and as a key member of the Atlantic Pact.—United Press.

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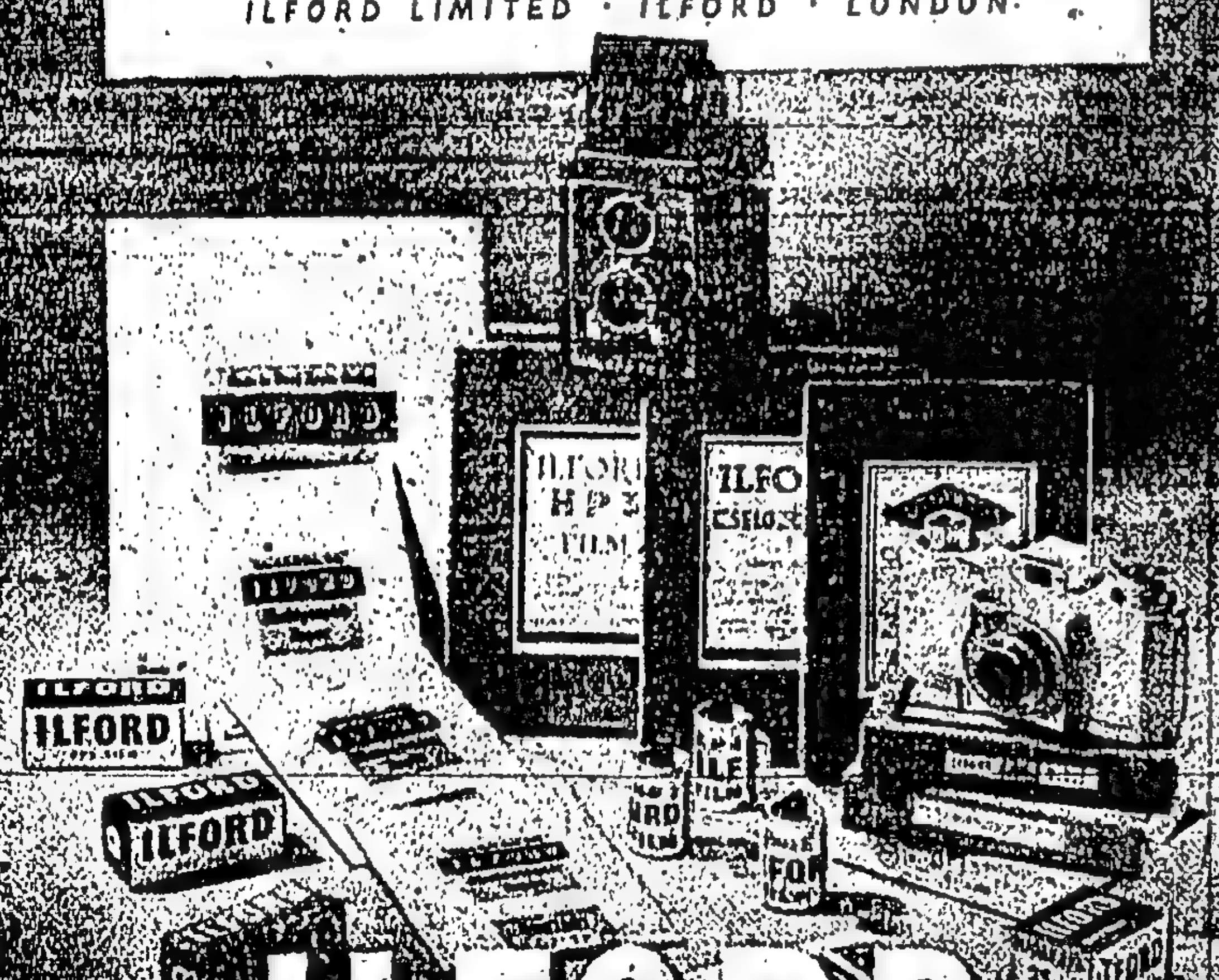
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Fabian of the Yard--No. 16:

GHOST WALK BETRAYED THE FIRST CAT BURGLAR

By Superintendent Robert Fabian

Robert Augustus Delaney will be remembered at Scotland Yard as the man who started a new fashion in crime that was to become known as "cat burglary."

Two men died trying to imitate Delaney. "Irish Mac" impaled himself on spiked railings. "The Doctor" who should have known better—fell 40 feet from a portico in St. James. He had £2,000 of jewels in his pocket, and crawled slowly two miles before death froze him.

But Robert Augustus Delaney trod the crags and precipices of Park-lane's roofs with nuchlanant skill. He wore faultless evening clothes, could apparently climb the shoddy side of a house, I think he imagined himself a kind of acrobatic fuffies.

He certainly made the great criminals of the past—like Charles Peace, who carried a collapsible ladder disguised as a bundle of firewood—look clumsy.

In his pocket was a slender steel coil like a putty-knife for slipping window-catches. It would also open jewel boxes.

Around his trimly-tailored waist, Gusie Delaney coiled four yards of black silk rope.

When the night and noble residents of Park-lane in 1924 were trooping splendidly to dinner, Delaney crouched beneath their windows, unwinding his gossamer rope. The tinkles of polished cutlery, or was it the clink of a dulled steel hook catching in balcony drain gutter, told him.

Gusie Delaney robbed their bedrooms like a wraith and departed, before coffee waited fragrant into the victim's drawing-room, and cigar smoke hazed the wine.

The thefts were reported to us in "Vine-street" where I was a probationer detective, fresh from training school.

We questioned indignant sunkeys, far haughtier than their masters. They knew nothing. Next week, another robbery from a Park-lane bedroom—and so on at weekly intervals.

He had netted £30,000

It was not really my case, nor was my probationer pal, Tommy Symes (now chief-inspector), assigned to it. We sat stirring police canteen coffee one night, waiting to go out on a routine club raid. But the Park-lane mystery burglaries intrigued us more.

"One each week for the past five weeks," I said. "A total of £30,000. He should be ready to retire soon. And none of us will have caught a whiff of him."

Tommy lapsed forward. "Keep it to yourself," he murmured. "I've been making a sort of map."

I had to laugh. "So have I, Tommy!" We compared notes. Both of us had the same idea. A map of Park-lane district, including those houses where residents were known to be outstandingly wealthy, and where the dining-room could be kept under observation.

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shrubbery of Green Park, we knew we could keep watch on the backs of all those tempting mansions by the Ritz corner.

Three hours later we were chilled, cramped, disappointed. Nothing had happened.

The next night was cloudy. Once again Tommy took the Green Park bandstand. I waited in the garden behind Wimburne House.

Faintly we heard the austere chimings of dinner gongs from the big mansions. One by one, bedroom lights winked out from costly chandeliers.

I fumbled for a peppermint. The night seemed to be growing quiet and tense. I stared into the shadows until my eyes felt aglow like a cat's.

A dark figure was creeping along the nearest garden boundary. Quick, agile as a cat, it vaulted the high railing, disappeared.

Then our quarry vanished

We next saw the shadowy intruder flit across one of the white balconies. How did he get up there?

Tommy, flattened against the wall beneath the balcony, turned as I crept near him.

"Did you see that 'His voice was hoarse with suppressed excitement. 'Like a blooming cat. 'I'll wait for him here.' I whispered. 'You give the alarm inside.'"

The lights began to flash on in each of the spacious upstairs rooms as Tommy Symes faced through the bedrooms and corridors, with alarmed householders

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We don't dislike the English

By William Power

I doubt if the Scots particularly like to be lectured about their Scottishness—or the English about their Englishness—even by a compatriot. I confess that some of the things Mr. John A. Mack is reported to have said about the supporters of the Scottish Covenant in a recent Citizenship lecture rather rubbed me the wrong way.

Mr. Mack himself begs a question in declaring that the economic argument put forth by Scottish legislative control of Scotland's internal affairs is "questionable, whether judged in terms of economics or of morals." The whole economic position has been expertly examined by an on behalf of the promoters of the Covenant, and they are completely satisfied that their argument is both economically and morally sound.

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The only argument that might be regarded as morally questionable is one that has never been put forward since it is both wicked and silly.

It is that Scotland, being nearly twice as rich per head of population as England in real, "natural" wealth, should behave like a greedy schoolboy, consume it all herself, and deny overpopulated England a share.

All that Scotland wants is freedom and liberty to develop her natural resources and make the best human use of them, both for her own needs and for trade with England and other countries.

Bite of the cake

It is only natural that Scotland should want to get "a bite of her own cake." It is a bad national economy under which a people, say, export all their butter and fresh meat and use only margarine and frozen or canned meat.

That, however, is something in which a Scottish Government would not and could not interfere. It is a matter of social custom and trade usage. All a Scottish Government would do is to encourage food production throughout Scotland, so that there might be sufficient for everyone, and a surplus for export.

What of the Highlands? Mr. Mack has missed out the factor of love of one's own country. That is something more than mere sentiment. It is a powerful dynamic of economic, social, and spiritual effort, and it involves sympathetic respect for the national sentiment of other people.

Germany was a nation only under Henry the Fowler, in the 10th century. The Germany that proved a malignant pest to humanity was not a real nation but a militarised and aggressive tribe or horde. Russia never developed real, free nationhood, as is evident from her treatment of her near neighbours.

Some of the supporters of the Covenant, according to Mr. Mack, are "motivated by a strong distrust and dislike of the people or ruling groups of England."

"Ruling groups" (if Mr. Mack used that term) is pretty vague. Does he expect the Scots to trust and love a London-centred bureaucracy that frustrates and hampers their constructive efforts?

As for dislike of England and the English, that is sheer nonsense.

The nation that produced Shakespeare, Newton, Locke, Howard, Shaftesbury, Dickens, and Winstan Churchhill—is certainly the finest and greatest nation that has ever existed.

Mr. Mack can be assured that esteem and admiration for England and the English are among the "motivations" of the Scottish Covenant.

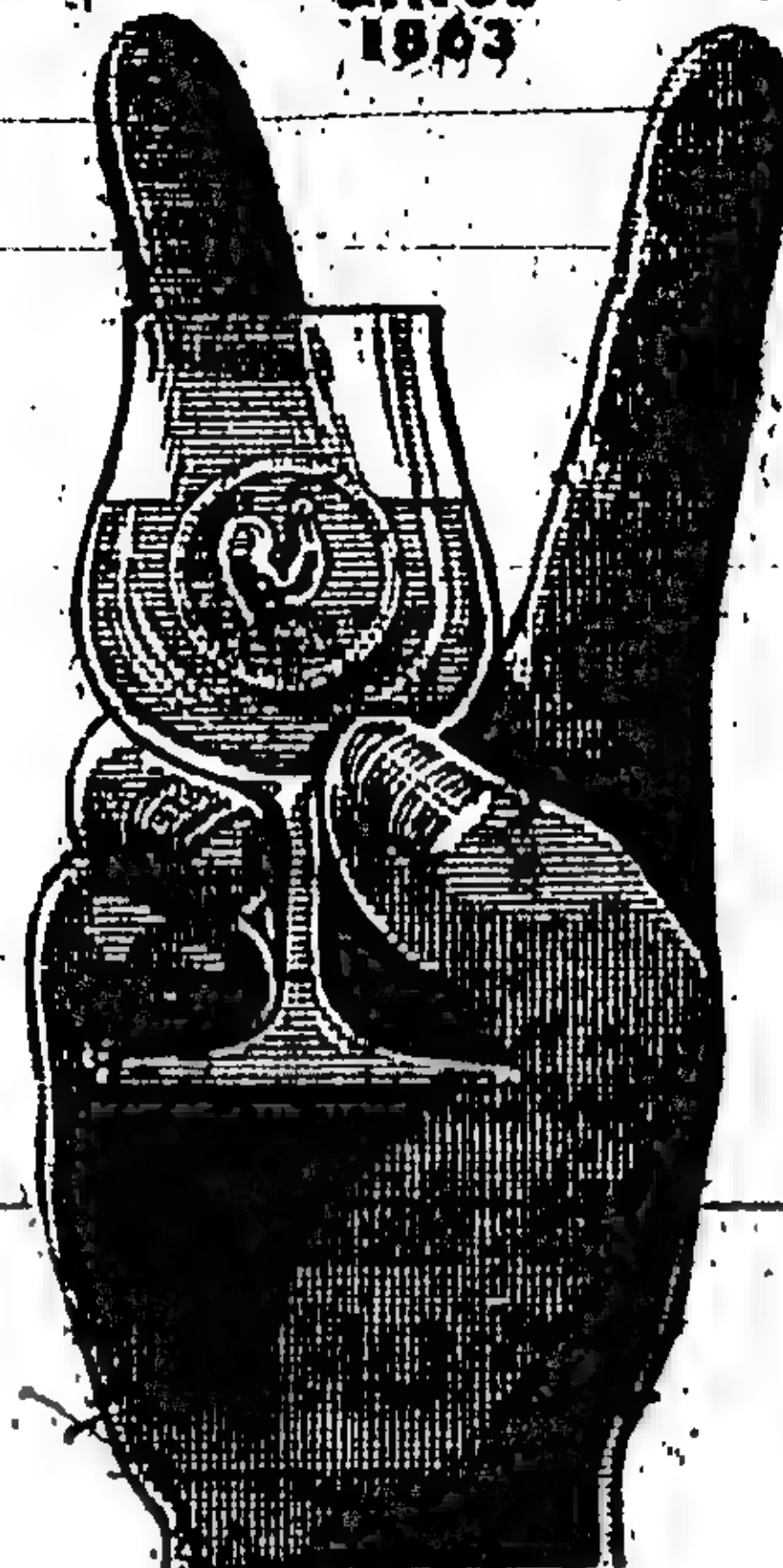
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NEW YORK LETTER



Spaniel ambassador

Ambassador of Downland, a Welsh springer spaniel puppy who lives in more normal times at St. Mary's, Bramber, Sussex, moved happily last month beside five empty, up-ended carious pure cream at Madison Square Garden, New York City.

He attracted not, and neither did his friend and owner, Miss D. H. Ellis, pay any attention to the outside, cacophonous world of grunts, growls and snarls that surrounded them. Ambassador of Downland, the 1,005th dog to fly the North Atlantic and the most outstanding dog of his breed in the United States, was relaxing in a proud, late-evening siesta, and the combined propaganda and impertinence of 2,531 other dogs in the same gigantic kennel was not going to disturb him.

Ambassador was best in his breed, but a Sottie named Champion Walsing Winning Trick of Edgerstone had been adjudged the best dog in the annual Westminster Kennel Club Show—in other words, the best dog in the United States.

Winning Trick was owned by Mrs. John G. Winant, widow of the late Ambassador Winant, and his triumph typified a clean sweep of major Dog Show events by British, British-reared or British-descended dogs.

Canine chic

The Annual Dog Show was quite an event. Smaller than Crufts, it had on the other hand every element of American push and salesmanship, with a fair measure of crazy side-shows and outcrops running wild. There were leads (special leather 35s. a time), chum dog foods (a free package if you guess the number of biscuits in this box...), dog jewellers, dog psychologists, dog "beauticians," and in one corner there was an enclosure labelled "Canine College."

In an innocent attempt to discover what university education had to offer the all-American dog I wandered over to talk with a young man in a white sweater which bore the device "Canine College, Where Your Dog is an Aristocrat."

This eager professor (that was what he told me he was) said that university education had everything to offer, a higher appreciation of the dog's place in life, in the community an advanced training in watchmanship, indoor behaviour, and in the art of knowing how to live in well-adjusted affinity with other dogs.

Varsity Dogs

The university was evidently located in a "pleasantly rolling" section of Connecticut, and all manner of amenities such as sanitation-approved kitchens, quiet rooms, common rooms, cloisters and fourteen acres of grounds, playing fields and so on were waiting for the puppies and their ladies (at £10 a week). A staff of professors and diet experts, registrars and attendants were there to "teach the dogs how to live a useful and full happy

life of companionship and comfort with their owners."

To make the college atmosphere complete the kennel compounds were named "Harvard," "Yale" and so on.

I asked the professor if he had looked after any British dogs, and if they were psychologically better adjusted than the Americans.

"Oh, yes," he told me, "they seem staidier, more willing to learn, remembering, of course, that a dog is a dog for all that. In fact, we have had so many British dogs that we are thinking of calling two of our compounds 'Oxford' and 'Cambridge.'"

This is nothing unusual in a land where dogs have their own beauty parlours, their own radio station, their own magazine, their own ski meets, their own Bill of Rights (Section 7: "A dog's bone dishes and other personal property shall not be taken away without good reason"), and where a nationwide outcry was raised last week against an innocent Long Island dog-catcher. "The Beast of Dogdom's Dachau."

Tea for all

Next day I went to the annual tea-tasting bee of the United States Government.

This is held every year to ensure that American lips do not sip anything but the best tea, and in the words of one slap-happy executive who kept telling the Pakistan Vice-Consul what good tea the Indians made, "things were looking good."

Beneath another glare of flood and are lights the seven dour old men of the Standards Board mixed, and sipped, while attendants poured steaming water from a gleaming polished copper kettle.

The surprising thing is that Americans drank 20,000,000,000 more cups of tea in 1949 than they did in 1948. In fact this is nothing less than a revolution, and Mr. Smallwood, president of the Tea Association, says there will be another 20 per cent increase in 1950—an increase helped, incidentally, by the high price of coffee.

British taste

So foreign correspondents, columnists and British stage, screen and radio figures were summoned to taste a little themselves and to pass the word that Americans would soon love their cup of tea as much as the British. At the headquarters of the Tea Bureau, on Fifth Avenue, for example, they are even stopping work at 11 a.m. and at 4 p.m. for the char and wad intermission. "In fact," said one of Mr. Smallwood's bustling staff, "we are beginning to wonder what is the place of coffee in the American economy."

Straight shooting

General Lucius Clay's long-awaited book "Decision in Germany" (Random House, New York) is, like its author, direct and to the point.

In blunt, straightforward terms reminiscent of a battery report to

regimental headquarters, General Clay has traced the story of his four years in Germany.

The most exciting moment follows the establishment of the Russian blockade.

General Clay opens teleprinter communication with Washington, his message is typed: "We have lost Czechoslovakia Norway is threatened...we retreat from Berlin. When Berlin falls Western Germany will be next. If we mean to hold out against Communism we must not budge..."

Two months later, with enough food in Berlin for 30 days and coal for 40, Clay cabled again: "Only we have the strength to halt this aggressive policy here and now. It may be too late the next time. I am sure that determined action will bring it to a halt now...without war."

Events, to use the inevitable cliché, proved him right.

Names in light

Albert Einstein did not bother to change out of his usual scruffy trousers and polo neck sweater to appear on Mrs. Roosevelt's television programme. He said: "General annihilation beckons. The only way out of this impasse created by man himself is a supra-national judicial and executive body."

Admiral Chester Nimitz, wartime Pacific Fleet commander-in-chief, politely welcomed 14 travelling Japanese Diet members at Lake Success recently. He shook hands all round, but said afterwards he had not talked about the war. "I didn't want to hurt their feelings," he said.

General Eisenhower, branching out in another direction, had two oil-paintings accepted for an exhibition...at his own university.

One was a portrait of his two-year-old grandson.

General Vandenberg, Air Force Chief of Staff, told his officers to wear braces with bated breath, "to avoid capitis between the jacket and the pants."

Carol Reed learned that his "The Third Man" had cleared 51,000 dollars in its first week at Broadway's Victoria Cinema.

Gracie Fields, smiling bravely for photographers, arrived here in the Italian liner Saturnia.

Shirley Temple will not go to England to make pictures unless she can take her daughter.

Rudolf Bing, sensation-causing British Director of New York's Metropolitan Opera, will visit Scotland this summer to advise the directors of the Edinburgh Festival. Former Festival chief, Bing did me today: "I can't stay away."

Gertrude Lawrence wants to bring Shaw's "Major Barbara" to Broadway next season.

Republican and potential Presidential candidate, said he had noticed appreciable drops in British productivity after the nationalisation of certain industries.

"However," he went on, "I will bet on the English people. In 10 years we will see them leading in all fields."

RALPH BUNCHE, former UN Mediator for Palestine, says that with rare exceptions he cannot buy a meal, order a drink, see a film, or rent a Washington hotel room outside the negro section of the nation's capital.

ANTON KARAS, the elzer man, is in the New York publicity limelight. "He'll have you in a dither with his either" is the best line.

THE ANDREWS SISTERS are rejecting all picture offers, will concentrate on radio work.

"The guy who made us up was the guy who made us up as Frankenstein's monster."

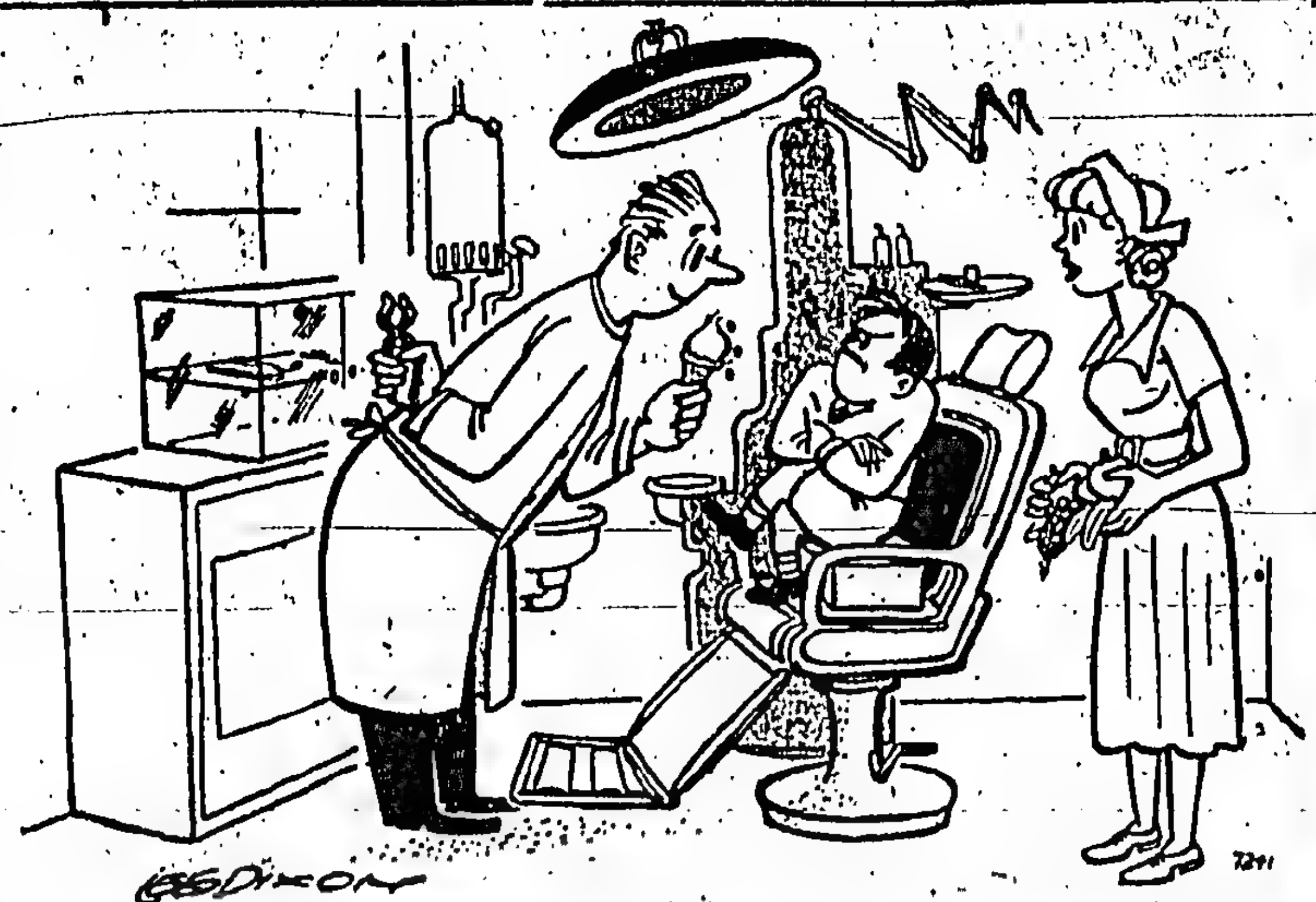
ARTHUR MARGETSON star of the Broadway comedy "Clutterbuck," tells me all the members of the cast are "jolly good" and "that it doesn't matter who gets the laugh, old boy, as long as the laughs are got."

IGOR STRAVINSKY will fly to New York this month to conduct his "Firebird" suite for the City Centre Ballet Company.

Englishman FREDERICK ASHTON, the Sadler's Wells choreographer and CHIC BEATON, in this case set-designer, will also present a new work for the company's season.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN is planning to take a supporting role in a circus picture, starring his son. EMLYN YVONNE and discovery VANESSA BROWN will star in a Hollywood production entitled "Three Husbands."

HALF A MILLION people make the pilgrimage every year to the Statue of Liberty, 3,000 ft. from Manhattan Island, in New York Harbour. Standing 305 ft. above water level, the statue, cast on Bedloe's Island, almost "next



BOBBY, HOW YOU'VE CHANGED

By John Kirk Nelson

The London policeman is in the news these days. His professional exploits crowd the columns of the papers.

The cinema has now paid him a just and generous tribute which is drawing the town—sure sign that he has lost none of his traditional appeal, and indeed how could that be?

He is a constant and important factor in our lives from our childhood, when he is a friendly ogre threatened to visit us for our sins, to our old age, when we discover sadly that we are no longer frightened.

I remember the late Sir Seymour Hicks saying to me once: "You will recognise, my boy, the first sign of old age. It is when you go out into the streets of London and realise for the first time how young the policeman look."

The daily round

That was years ago, alas, I am now beginning to appreciate the truth in that remark.

I remember also a friend of mine who joined the police force and who gave me a graphic description of his first day's experience. I was at the back of the station," he said, "full of the sense of my responsibilities. Then the door opened and I saw the scene inside, and somehow it seemed so homely that I felt much better. There was a fire in the grate, and sergeant sitting beside it, a book on his lap, his legs stretched out, and a dog asleep at his feet. What could be more domestic? Then I took another look—and I realised that the dog was not asleep. It was dead."

Now I attach a certain amount of significance to this story. The policeman is the juxtaposition in his life of the every day and the unusual.

In a back seat

It is the policeman's lot, in fact, that in the midst of life he finds himself suddenly deeply involved in death, disaster, distress, disorder.

This, of course, happens to the soldier, the sailor, and the airman, and so—in war-time—the policeman takes a back seat, as it were, in the hero-worshipping hearts of the population.

But of all the Services, it is the police force in which the hazards and excitement remain constant in war and peace.

Herbert Spencer wrote: "Policemen are soldiers who act alone; soldiers are policemen who act in unison."

That is a fine example of muddled thinking on the part of

a philosopher, because policeman most certainly act in unison, and only those soldiers who are on the just side of a war can be considered as cops. The soldiers on the other side are, of course, the robbers.

Is it old age?

But let that pass. We can all see what the old gentleman was getting at.

And so not only to visiting celebrities but to ourselves the London police remain wonderful.

But how changed they are—or is it my old age that makes me think so?

No, I am sure that this is no illusion. The London Bobby has become more streamlined, less ponderous, and, I swear, slimmer in the waist.

Stacy Aumonier once conjured up a vision of Judgment Day, when Gabriel's trumpet would blow the signal for such a traffic jam as never was. Chaos and confusion reigned until the slow and solid figure of a London policeman appeared, with measured tread, exhorting the populace in a voice loud but calm:

We don't dislike the English

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Respective characters

England, and Scotland are of so much interest to each other as nations that they want their respective national characters and traditions to be fully preserved and developed. They want to place each other in good internal Government.

I myself am so much interested in England that, for my own pleasure, I am writing a long essay, "A Scot looks at England," which may develop into a book.

The subject has its sad aspects, just as "Scotland" has. The splendid record of the English people, culminating in the quiet heroism with which they faced the fierce air raids, makes one regret all the more that the vast majority of them should spend their lives in monotonously overgrown, mostly ugly cities and in horrible "black countries."

What I, as a lover of England, should wish to see is a shrinkage of the black urban stain and a spread inward, from East and West, of "England's green and pleasant land."

Mr. Mack surely agrees that it is England and not Scotland that needs decanting of a large proportion of her population by emigration overseas, and that Scotland's chief need is a spread of her population.

"There'll always be an England," and we wish to make sure that there will always be a Scotland. All my English friends say "Hear, hear!"

"Now then—no crowding. Move along there, please." Such a vision is unthinkable today. A shiny black car would herald the presence of the guardian of the law, and a microphone voice, amplified by loudspeakers, would not only silence the crowd but drown the Archangel's fanfare.

Fewer cooks

Again, the legend that, like the sailor who has a wife in every port, the policeman has a cook in every area no longer holds good. If no other reason can be advanced for this change in the scene, there is always the perfectly good reason that these days there cannot be more than one cook to every 1,000 policeman.

And certainly since the days of Lord Trenchard's Young Gentlemen the recruitment of the police is from a far greater variety of walks of life.

I shall never forget any wife approaching one of these Young Gentlemen in the street. He was in a brown study when she spoke to him, and, finding himself addressed by a woman, he instinctively tried to raise his helmet to her—catching the chin strap smartly under his nose.

It was the only time in my life I had seen a policeman really flustered. I hope I shall never see it again.

If as a people we come to believe that the policeman can be less than monumental in calm and dignity which we regard as our protection against anarchy, what ever should we be?

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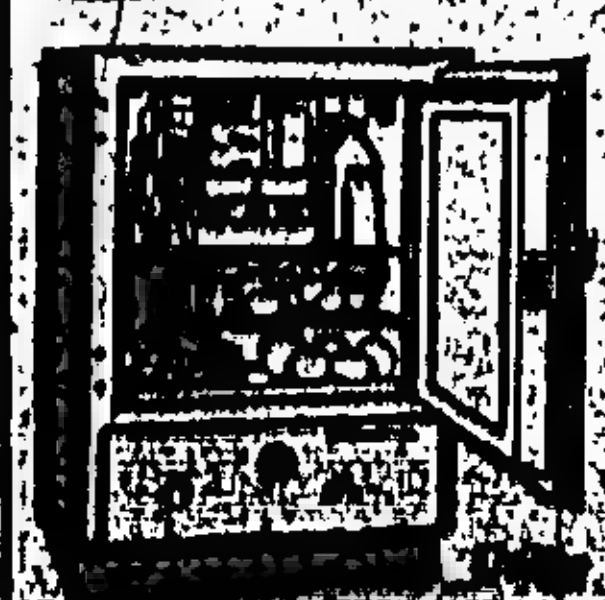
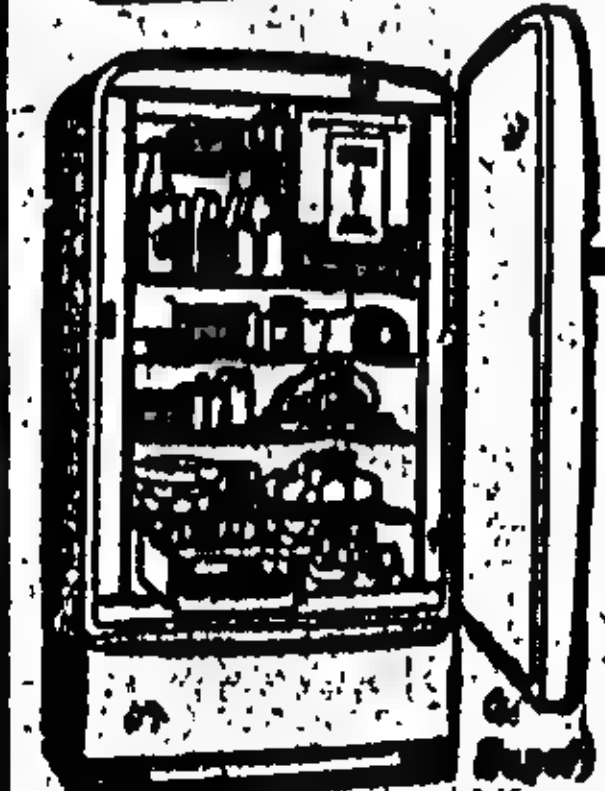
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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE 1951 EXHIBITION

By John Hall

This is an interim report on the £6,000,000—they are spending lifting the face of Old Father Thames in readiness for next year's Festival of Britain.

Main operation is to give new grace to the Old Man's cheek that lies in the heart of London opposite Cleopatra's Needle, and to adorn it with a 30-acre waterfront of gardens and ultra-modern buildings.

Progress report. After difficulties with levels the first stage of the foundations was laid at the week-end. Steel and other components on order.

5.—Dome of Discovery. This great building, roofed with a dome of aluminium almost the size of Trafalgar-square, will be one of the outstanding features and will dominate the new river-

materials on order. Experts estimate that as soon as contractors move out the erection will not take more than a few months.

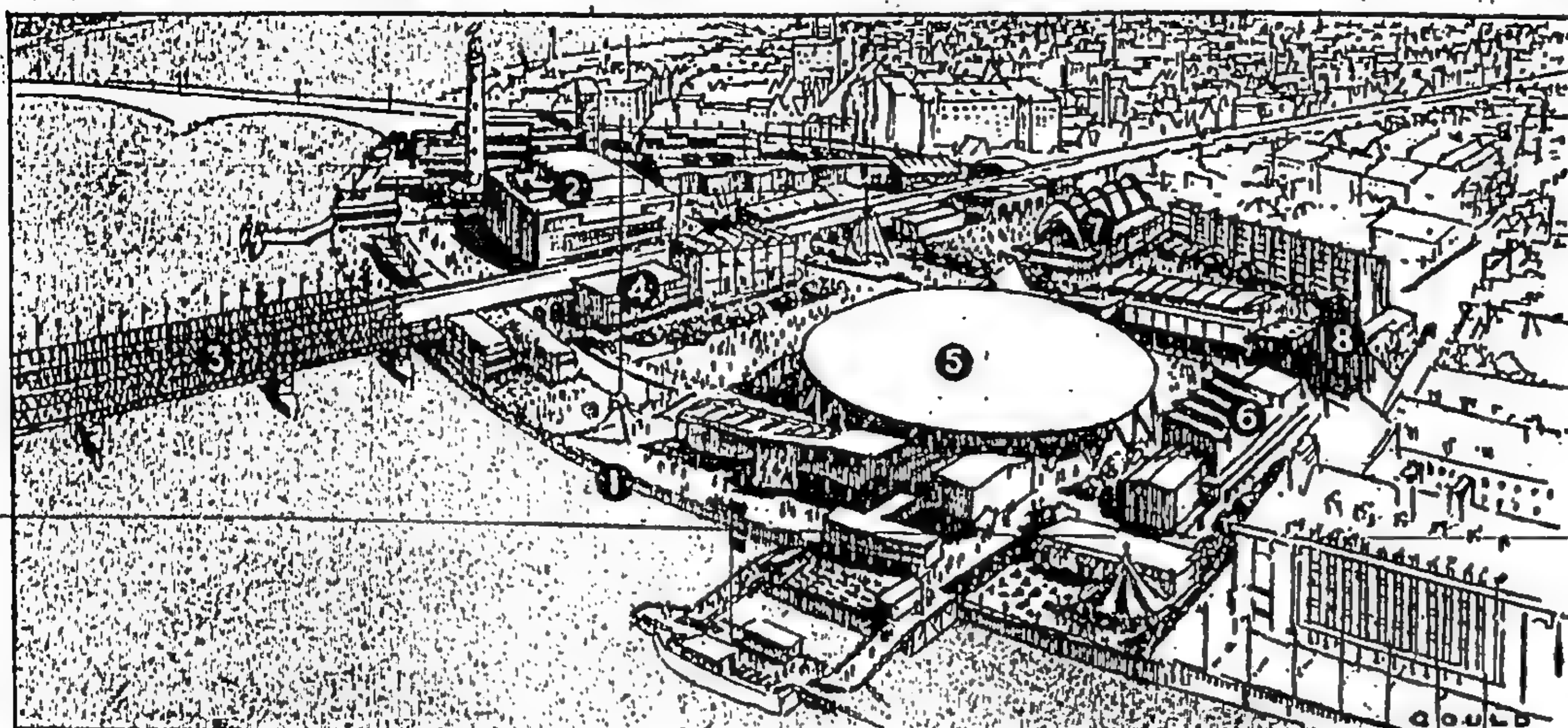
7.—Main Entrance Building. This will face Waterloo Station. The project includes a high-level entrance from the main-line station crossing high over the road and three banks of escalators underground which will move visi-

things as the piers that are to be used by people visiting the Exhibition by boat, cannot begin until more clearance work has been done.

Many of the smaller buildings are being prefabricated by private contractors who state that erection will not take more than a few months.

Experts on the job claim that by the end of this year practically all the constructional work will

OLD FATHER THAMES GETS A £6,000,000 FACE



An artist's impression of the Exhibition lay-out. Numbers correspond with sections in the accompanying progress report by John Hall.

With only 15 months to go before the Festival is due to open, with demolition and clearance work still to be done, with plans and costs for many of the pavilions still not finalised, there are experts who fear that the project—a rush job from the beginning—cannot be completed in time.

But the men in charge are optimistic, and they gave these progress reports on the project's eight major schemes:

1.—The New River Wall. This project—planned and sanctioned before the war—estimated to cost £400,000, covers the building of 1,700ft. of new river wall, giving a new curve to Old Father Thames's cheek and enclosing in the process 4½ acres of what used to be mud and tidal flats.

Progress report. The work is more than half finished. Nearly 950ft. of wall has been completed and dressed with granite that is being brought from Cornwall, and the foundations are in for another 500ft. Engineers estimate that they will finish the job by September.

2.—Concert Hall. Like the river wall, this £2,000,000 structure has been designed as a permanent part of the South Bank waterfront. It will cover 1½ acres, and rise to a height of 114ft.

Progress report. Foundations have been finished and the building is now between 40 and 50ft. high. Contractors estimate that work on the superstructure will be finished on time, which will leave plenty of margin for furnishing the main concert hall with its seating capacity for 3,022 people, and the smaller rooms.

3.—Bailey Bridge. This is to be built by the LCC and Army engineers and will span the Thames parallel with—and marking on the West side—the unlovely Hungerford railway bridge. The bridge will be 1,070ft. long and provide a footway 14ft. wide.

Progress report. No progress to date on the site, but the LCC will begin laying piles in the river to support the bridge sometime in March and the Army has given an undertaking that the work will be completed by October. This bridge will be taken down after the Festival.

4.—Transport Pavilion. This is to be a steel-framed building 23ft. long, open from floor to roof and surrounded by three wide galleries. The steel frame will be clad with asbestos sheeting and glass.

front between the Hungerford bridge and County Hall. It will house the story of British preeminence in discovery and exploration.

Progress report. Foundations have been completed, also the superstructure, the great concrete pylon which are to support the dome. The aluminium roof is being made at Tipton, in Staffordshire, and the engineers claim that the structure will be completed and ready for furnishing by the end of November.

6.—Industry Pavilion. This is to be 300ft. long, 100ft. wide, and 50ft. high. It has been designed as a tubular-steel frame that will be covered in with glass, corrugated asbestos, and brick panels.

Progress report. Foundations almost finished, steel and other

tors to and from the Exhibition from the Waterloo Underground Station. The building itself will be two storeys high, with a futuristic roof finished in steel and glass.

Progress report. Excavations for the escalators are nearly complete, and work on the superstructure of the entrance building itself has just begun.

8.—Pavilion on Naval Resources. An 80ft.-square building, topped by a four-sided hollow pyramid of concrete that will rise 70ft. high.

Progress report. Ground and first-floor levels finished. Engineers estimate that the pyramid will be finished by April. Work on some of the score or so lesser buildings, and such

have been completed, leaving four months in hand for cleaning up the site, painting, laying out the gardens, and assembling the exhibits.

Heaviest political attacks have been made by critics who consider the project ill-timed and, in parts, wasteful.

It is a fact that the only permanent work being done is the building of the new river wall and the concert hall. All the other buildings are to be demolished after the Festival.

*This sum is the estimate for work on the South Bank site only. Total cost of the Festival, which will also include pleasure gardens in Battersea Park and travelling exhibitions, will run to £9,000,000.

Weak spot in America's Far East defences

In the event of war, the Philippine Republic would be a greater liability to the United States than it was in 1941.

If war broke out tomorrow, with a thrust from Asia at U.S.-held defences in the Far East, the Philippine Government could put only one battalion of 500 men into action, supported by 12 obsolete P-51 and 13 P-47 fighter planes and 18 small patrol craft.

The Philippine national economy simply cannot support a modern military force. Despite United States aid totalling more than £600 million since the end of the war, the impoverished republic of 19,000,000 people is committed to expenditure far beyond its resources in maintaining an internal security force of 18,000 officers and men.

This constabulary force is struggling unsuccessfully to subdue the Hukbalahaps—well-armed, warlike Communist-led insurgents, hiding out in the wild mountains and treacherous swamps of central Luzon.

The Huk raid, burn and murder at will. Only recently they ambushed and shot down the widow and daughter of former President Quezon on a main road outside Manila.

Major-General Jonath Anderson, head of the small U.S. military advisory group in the Philippines, is well aware that the hard-pressed constabulary force find the Huk an even tougher

internal proposition in the event of war.

Another grave and growing internal problem is the tightening Chinese economic grip on the islands. As the late President Roxas observed, "if the Chinese in Manila all closed their stores tomorrow, the capital would starve in two days."

At present there are approximately 250,000 Chinese in the Philippines, and there is an esti-

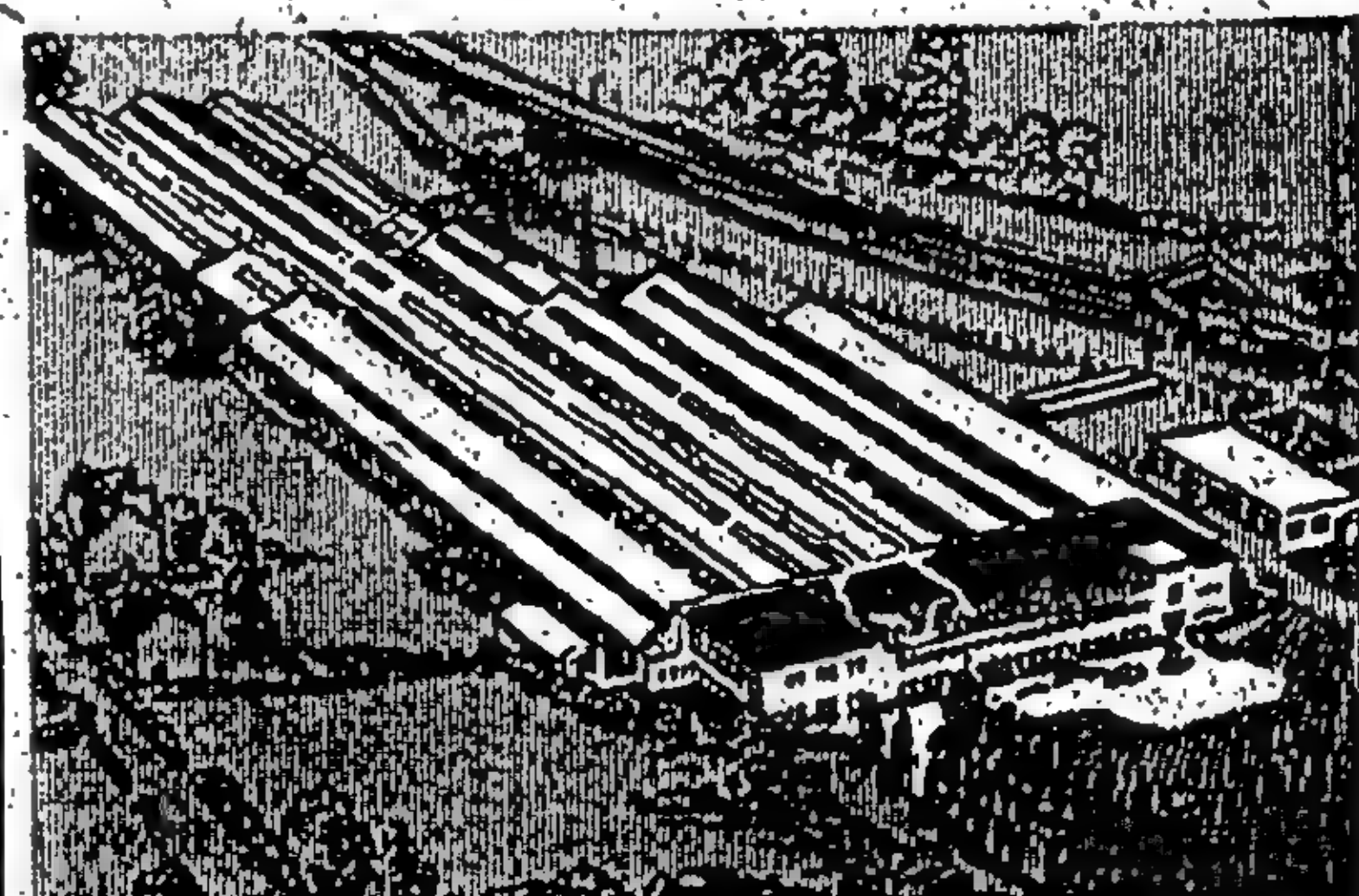
ated increase of 10,000 each year. The annual immigration quota for Chinese is only 500. The others are smuggled in with the utmost ease past the 18 vessels which are supposed to guard a coastline longer than that of the United States. (An additional 20 patrol boats are laid up because the Government cannot afford to buy missing parts or repair faulty equipment).

Smuggling of Chinese into the country is a recognised and highly "respectable" racket in corrupt sections of the Philippine public service. The current entrance fee for each illegal immigrant is \$500 per head.

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Grindstone is hard to leave

By F. G. PRINCE-WHITE

A Fool, they say, is born every minute. And it is a statistical fact that in the same period of time, in Britain, a man retires.

Mor than that really—for the figure is based on the average number of claims for retirement pension received in a week by the British Ministry of National Insurance.

These come from employees. But employers also retire, though, in general, at a later age.

So many of them come to regard themselves as the prop and mainstay of business which have been built up, perhaps, largely by their own efforts.

The State has decreed that a man is entitled to rest from his labours when he reaches the age of 65. And, so far from subscribing to the long-accepted belief that a woman's work is never done, it has fixed her retirement age at 60.

Not conforming

There is evidence, however, that men—and women—alike are refusing to conform to this estimation of their powers.

More than 60 out of every 100 men, and half the number of women who have reached the age of retirement since the new National Insurance Act began to operate, have elected to go on working.

Because they cannot make do on the State pension of 28s. a week? Because the pension is increased by one shilling a week for every six months that work is continued beyond the retiring age? Or do people stick to their jobs because they are happier doing them? Doctors and psychologists are continually confronted with the problem of the man who has had to retire, willy-nilly.

Having attained the age at which, by the rules of his particular employment, he must close his lodgers for the last time, submit his final report, or prepare the minutes of an ultimate board meeting, he has taken his farewell look at the familiar office scene, and gone home for good.

He is urged to turn his mind to a hobby—but he cannot concentrate; he is advised to "do something" with his hands: gardening, carpentering, painting jobs about the house—but he has never done this sort of thing.

He feels lost

He says he "feels lost" without his old job—and in a sense he is lost. The trouble is that he has never had any real interest in anything but the work he has always done.

In most cases of this kind salvation has been found only in a part-time return to that particular work.

But there is a large class to whom retirement comes as a long promised happiness.

They have thought and talked of their job as "the grindstone," and they have kept their noses to it mainly for the sake of their wives and families—or simply because it has "paid" them.

Retirement does not mean leisure for them. It means opportunity to do what they have wanted to do all their lives.

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Spring is always the special season for hats, bringing the gayest and freshest creations of the year.

After no less than three seasons of the little "skull-hugging" models, we are getting rather tired of the "beanie", except, of course, the very frivolous little numbers for cocktail parties, and of the small, back-of-the-head shapes with round-pointed crowns.

So the new diversity of shapes and styles shown in the first collections of 1950 is a welcome and quite irresistible change.

One of the nicest features of the new designs is the revival of the pill-box—rather a wider than the box, worn quite straight, just covering the hairline in front and the whole of the crown, perfect for the brushed up but not too-short hair styles.

American designers show some charming pill-box models, made from coarsen straw, fine felt or grosgrain in chalk-white or the palest pastels, wrapped in fine, dark veillings which cover the whole face and tie at the back. Some are finished with upright cockades of dark feathers or stiffened ribbons, others elegantly plain.

Small hats favoured

Small hats still outnumber the large, by at least three to one, and among them is the beret, starkly plain but of the best quality in rich velours, felt or velvet, worn with a slight tilt or quite straight, to suit your hair-style, embellished by a feather mount or jewelled pin to suit your costume.

The tricorne and the bicorne contribute a pleasant change of line, with that irregular outline which is so becoming. There are hats with anything from one to four points—long points slanting sideways to shade the cheek or

his wife going out to work, it has not produced any children he doesn't feel he has to support her.

This seems but a step from the Mohammedan practice by which a man may divorce a wife who hasn't borne him a heir by saying three times "I divorce thee".

As to what she called "career notions", Dr. Mead indicated that an unmarried woman can do lots of useful jobs as justly their own without dignifying them with the title of "career" which she defined as "something you would pay others to let you do if they didn't pay you."

downward to brush the shoulder, small ones tilting up, above the temples, medium ones behind the ear or to the side of the neck each at an angle carefully calculated for flattery.

Here we have sketches, just received from London, of models which illustrate the wide diversity of styles from which we can choose for Spring.

On the left is Paulette's visor-shaped toque in the off-white which she calls "new potato". Worn quite straight, the brim dips over the forehead, lifted at the temples to show a second, curving brim of white pique beneath. On the crown is an applique motif in the white pique.

Below left, is her delightful garden party hat, "Une Fleur", skilfully arranged petals of soft pink organza, shading the face.

Cloche bonnet

Top centre is a reversible straw cloche bonnet by Maud et Nana, in the fashionable combination, black one side, bright tan brown the other. Narrow ribbons tie on the coarse net veil; the upstanding rosette on the crown is built on a pin, so that its position can be altered as desired.

On the right are two models by Legroux. The coolie hat is in burnt straw, secured by long hotpots. With enormous knobs. The striped hat is in yellow and black silk with matching scarf, and features again the pointed line with forward thrusting brim. At the sides, the brim rolls right back to the crown, ending in Mickey-wing points at the back.

The special point about all these models is that they are equally adaptable for both the short and the not-so-short hair styles. Even the picture hat which can look quite silly, on very short locks, can be curved to-tap-the-head-and-shade-the-face attractively without the added softness of curls.

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U.S. as a woman
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By Kay Murray

There is at least one woman in the U.S. who doesn't believe in the Hope Diamond's bad luck properties. Mrs. Gladys Hannaford, an expert and lecturer on precious stones, wore the famous stone for a few minutes before she hopped a plane to Florida. The plane went through one of the worst storms she had ever known, which ought to have given the jinx a chance to work. But nothing happened, and she had the time of her life.

Mrs. Hannaford, who handles diamonds as other people peel potatoes, says that they are as individual as children. "In fact, diamonds in the rough are like a class of children," she says. "Until time is spent on them you don't know how they will turn out. Careless handling can ruin their beauty." While she was at the Kimberley mines in South Africa recently they spread out \$5,000,000 worth of rough diamonds for her to examine. The natives were so impressed by her knowledge they called her "The Diamond Lady."

When you get out your compact to make some running repairs, do you ever think how comparatively recently it became standard beauty equipment? Women have been using cosmetics for upwards of 4,000 years. The belles of Ancient Egypt knew all about cosmetics, and even painted their nails. Existing pictures show them with beauty boxes beside the bed, ready for that first calculated onslaught on the inattentive male.

In later days men adopted the fashion. Nero was devoted to his cosmetics and the 18th Century courtiers of England, Spain and France courted used make-up at least as lavishly as their ladies.

But though the young men of fashion carried comb, snuff and scissors in enamelled boxes, it wasn't until 1860 that a Frenchman, M. Dorin, invented the compact—a utilitarian unhinged box of paper, which was named after him.

The "dorin" didn't give way to the metal compact till 1917, when brass unhinged boxes for carrying powder (for feminine patrons, naturally) appeared in the U.S.

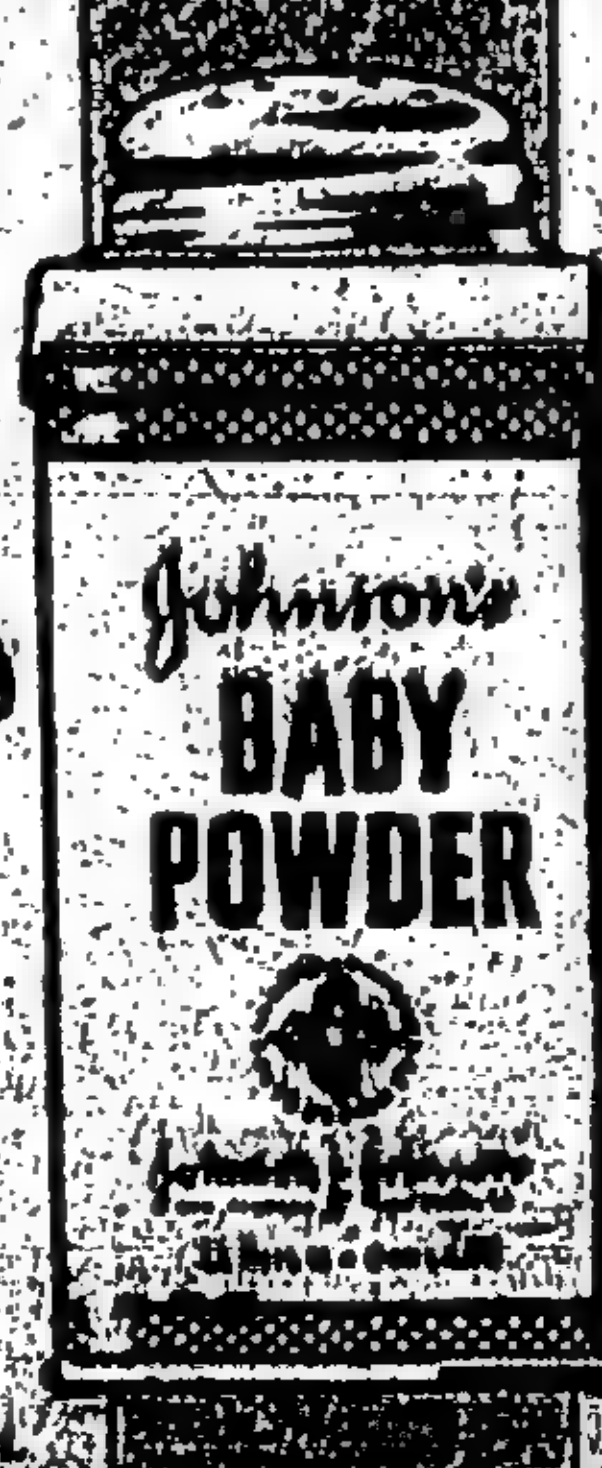
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any woman can get married unless she is deaf, dumb and blind," said Dr. Margaret Mead at the New School for Social Research in New York recently.

This may not mean marrying the man she would ideally choose, she says, but after all how many men marry women of infinite beauty and intelligence, with the right sort of relations?

Women who insist on their husbands being their superior and inviting crises in their lives, says Dr. Mead. They'll end up, by creating a nervous group of males who will shy like startled fawns "if their wives look like being any good."

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Between Ourselves

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LADY OF FASHION PORTRAIT

By CLAUDIA

The lady of fashion at the turn of the half-century... how does she look, what does she wear, how does she achieve that "look of the moment" which places her unmistakably in this particular year and no other?

Her figure is slim, but without the "boyish" flatness of the flapper, rounded, without the exaggerated, sometimes padded curves of the "New Look". Exercise and massage in her daily beauty routine ensure the trim waistline, the smooth hip-curve, and healthy skin without which her charming clothes lose half their appeal.

Her hair is short, cut expertly but without elaboration, brushed easily, almost negligently—into a brief, attractive frame for her face.

Her clothes too, follow the slim line, but with special deviations sometimes subtle, sometimes sharply emphasized. She wears very narrow skirts, mid-calf in length, except for the evening cut, very often with a slight peg-top effect; bodices looser and fuller, with bloused and full, graceful sleeves. Her hats are mostly small, rather young and gay, with unexpected points at unusual angles.

Accessories

Accessories include long, pendant earrings to set off her short hair; very long, elegant gloves—or very chic, short ones; long cigarette holders and longer umbrellas; small handbags with a minimum display of metal; filmy stockings with lace patterns, lace heels and toes revealed by the shorter skirt; and shoes with the asymmetrical line and pointed closed-in toes, high-heeled and dainty.

Her make-up is less casual, in effect less natural. It has a smart, sleek, carefully contrived look. It is a skilful camouflage, more closely linked with fashion.

Except for very informal, open air occasions, she uses a tinted foundation which varies, within the subtle bounds of skin colour, according to the colour scheme of her outfit. Over this, a lighter powder is applied thickly, pressed on firmly with a large pad or puff, the surplus then carefully dusted off, leaving a well-powdered, matte finish.

Her mouth is rather smaller and straighter, the upper lip shaped to a natural "cupid's bow," the lower lip painted squarer, with a line as straight as possible along the lower edge.

Lip and nail colours are striking and unusual, with more brilliance, and depth, standing out with greater intensity against the matte smoothness of the skin.

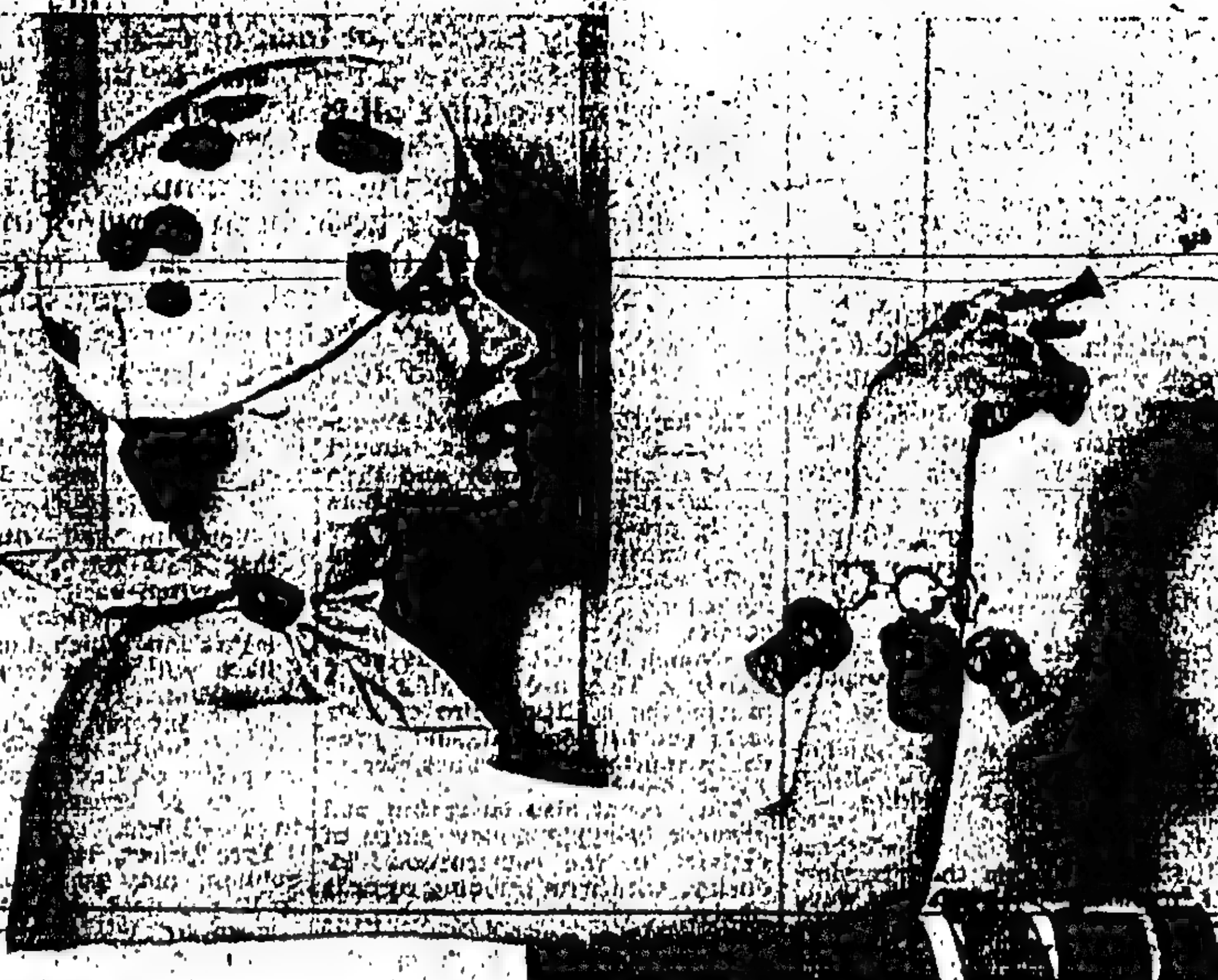
Eye make-up is part of the daily routine, no longer just for special occasions. She uses new shades in cosmetics—deep blue, dark green, violet and brown—sometimes with eye shadow, sometimes with no shadow but a thin pencil line slanting from beneath the lash line at the outer ends of the lower lids, to the corners—the new "sloe-eyed" look.

Even a beauty spot, worn at night, returns to the make-up kit to draw attention to this new emphasis on eye make-up.

In her routine of beauty care, she pays particular attention to those points which are highlighted by fashion. The neck and shoulders, revealed by short hairstyles and low-cut evening frocks must be treated with soap and water, friction, with skin-softening and bleaching creams, massaged to fill out thin lines or reduce plump ones.

Legs and ankles, displaying shorter skirts, must be slim and shapely. She allows part of her beauty time each day to exercise, massage, with firm, stroking movements, kneading with oil and—slapping the calves—normalising treatment for the too thick and the too thin alike.

Champagne cork bracelet



Among Paris designer Pierre Balmain's new spring accessories is this bracelet which uses real champagne corks as charms. Other accessories visible are a Shantung silk scarf in cowboy style, but held together with a wooden ring. The Basque beret is of black and white Shantung. —AP Photo.

Cure for Loneliness

In my reading I have come across this "—without love in one's life one becomes neurotic, cranky, and hard."

Would that one single factor of love make all that difference? Can't one be a normal person without love?—R. D.

Yes, love makes all that difference. No, you can't be normal without it. Provided—and this is important—you do not limit the meaning of love.

There is no finer experience in life than to love and be loved. It is the only experience in which the human being is freed from loneliness.

But it is loving that the personality grows. To spend one's heart on another, on a cause, on even an aspiration, occupies forces and energies in one's nature that left fallow would of themselves take other outlets, warping and cramping both mind and feelings.

Warped you will be if you are dependent on being loved. But love in its widest sense—the giving of a warm and generous heart—is the love that holds your personality healthy and free.

I have an opportunity to go into the catering business in a small way, but though I know plenty about cooking I have no experience of buying on a large scale, and of assessing and costing.

Could you recommend a book from which I could learn this side?—E. F. G.

Frankly, I don't think you could learn from a book the intricate, practical, highly technical side of modern catering.

You need to be in touch with someone with experience, and knowledge to whom you could put your problems. One way of getting this help would be to take a reliable correspondence course, one which covers every side of the work and prepares for catering jobs in hospitals, schools, clubs, holiday camps, etc. If this interests you I will send you the name of one I can recommend.

I get frightfully exasperated at small things. I have no patience. Sometimes even the children exasperate me. I even snarl for days.

How can I acquire equanimity? I have tried studying Philosophy. Is there any way to get polite and an adult mentality? Or is

it too late? I am in my forties. —JOHN.

Not "too late." "Too soon" more likely, to hope for tranquillity. An adult mentality, yes, of course, but the deep happiness of peace of mind is the quest of a lifetime.

One has to experiment continually to reach sustained mental peace. Overcoming exasperation at small things would be a good step forward. Try to apply the check before you are exasperated. Curiously enough you can feel exasperation rising. Let go, call on your patience and sense of humour at that stage. Then it is not difficult, and practice increases your control.

Use the same timing for exasperation at people, but check in this way. Transfer your interest from yourself to the other person.

The real hurdle is your disinclination to try. Self-interest fights like mad against that initial willingness. But don't make heavy weather of it.

Believe me, it works. A few minutes of practical daily discipline will do more for you than years of abstract philosophy.

How is it one cannot see a thing "staring you in the face," even while looking for it?

And how is it that one finds a thing (which one has looked for desperately and given up) after an interval, in some place where one has looked and looked before?—N. G.

Remember the game of "Hunt the Thimble"? When it was put in the most obvious place it was hardest to find, and the reason being in the difference between the seeing eye and the looking eye.

You look with desperation (the operative word). The mental fuss prevents your seeing. The seeing eye is the receptive eye. It allows "things" to speak and make themselves known.

Note analogy here with a prejudice that prevents one seeing a truth sticking out a mile.

I am amazed by the casual way people take credit and praise which they don't deserve.

The one who does the work,

LONDON'S FASHION FORTNIGHT

A number of individual invitations to the London Fashion Fortnight, 1950 have been sent to local concerns. It will be held from May 30 to June 12.

Fashion buyers from all over the world will, during that period, be welcomed to a presentation of British Fashions. The autumn collections of a wide range of British fashion houses will be displayed both in collective parades and in individual shows. The programme will include a number of receptions, including one by the British Government.

Further information may be obtained from Miss Jean Scarlett, London Fashion Fortnight, I. C. House, Millbank, London, S.W.1, or from the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner at Hong Kong.

the originator of the idea, is very carefully never mentioned.

I suppose it pays in the society we live in to climb by other people's brains and make money with other people's work.

It is the ability to climb at all that pays. A sort of irresistible rising that uses everything and is a rung. But there are ugly snags and dangers in climbing on other people's rungs.

A father wrote this to his son: "The world is divided into people who do things and people who get the credit. Try it, you can, to belong to the first class. There is far less competition."

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Strikes in France spreading

Paris, March 3.

France's swelling tide of wage strikes engulfed more labour groups and new areas today with a threat of worse to come. In Paris, where the strike fever was cooling among steel workers, 70 per cent of the civil servants voted to stop work.

Ground staff at Orly, the capital's main long-distance airport, stopped work this morning.

At Le Bourget Airport, ground staff took time off for a strike vote but continued working.

Another 13,000 metal workers' union is the hardest hit in the 10-day old strike wave—walked out today at Lille, Northern France.

The Communist-led General Confederation of Labour has called a "24-hour warning strike" from tomorrow by thousands of dockers in France and Algeria.

Claims backed

Nantes shipyard's men, and Marseilles dockers came out today backing nation-wide claims for a monthly bonus and more pay.

Workers in the important forges of the Strasbourg steel-works and the Bugatti plant voted to strike today, joining Alsace textile workers in the first big stoppage in the region since the war.

The situation in Eastern France is confused. Some steel plants are operating normally, others are at a standstill.

Paris underground and bus workers—though in favour of a strike—are on the job as usual. A union delegation meets the Public Works Minister, M. Jacques Castellan, tomorrow and if the result is unsatisfactory a strike vote will be taken at a general meeting on Sunday night.—Reuter.

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New York, March 3.

Things may look black today on the U.S. economic front, with more industries cutting schedules sharply because of lack of coal. But to some stock traders that appears to make autumn's prospects look all the better.

Their view is that the coal strike pushes back the time-table for the next slump. And stock-exchange traders have been showing interest in the stocks of the very industries most hit by the coal crisis—steel, railroads, and cars. They are not just being perverse; they are betting on next autumn's business.

Earlier this year, steel executives said their business should be good until summer and then maybe take a slump. But now orders are backing up again behind the coal strike logjam. Steel mills could have sold 600,000 more tons last month if their production had not been cut back that much by coal shortages, steel men say. They are changing their predictions a little: third quarter sales should be good and probably fourth quarter sales, too.

They count also on spring and summer bringing a new surge of activity in the construction industry, with new building records likely.

The car industry is feeling the coal shortage, too, as its steel inventories run out. But car production setbacks now will create sales appetites later, the industry figures. Waiting buyers will step right up if they foresee any chance of a shortage or of delivery delays while car makers wait on steel mills to deliver products.

Supporting this view of a renewed upturn in business activity when the coal strike is settled are various governmental reports.

Rapid recovery

The U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, says the industrial recovery will be rapid, and that the enforced slowdown now means a tremendous volume of business when industry can get going at full speed again.

The Federal Reserve Board reports that industrial production climbed in January over December, and that even the February strikes were able to pull it back only two or three per cent.

The government's Department of Commerce says manufacturers' sales climbed \$400,000,000 in January to a total of more than \$17,000,000,000. Gains in sales of manufacturing industries, the Department says, were better than seasonal. Best showings are reported in cars, metals, machinery, building materials, chemicals, textiles, apparel and leather. And January's order topped its sales, particularly in machinery.

Machine tool makers report business best since 1946. The National Machine-Tool Builders Association says new orders continue strong. It thanks the auto industry for much of the gain, but also notes that foreign orders are picking up.

On the psychological front, views are a little mixed. Wall Street apparently feels better after the British elections, which it views as a turning of a tide toward Socialism. The British Prime Minister Mr. Attlee, gave the house of Commons to understand on Wednesday that a chastened Labour government would

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 3.
The stock market climbed to within whispering distance of a 3-1/2 year high, after news that President Harry Truman would seek power to seize the coal mines.

Stocks of companies most likely to benefit from resumption of coal mining were singled out for attention—steels, cars and rails. Turnover speeded up as prices advanced. Transfers were 1,510,000 shares.

Final prices were tops for the day. Some 580 issues advanced and 290 declined.

New highs were recorded by 71 stocks. There were no new lows. Among the gainers were Paramount Pictures, Pepsi-Cola, Hupp Corporation, United Corporation, Texas Company, Swift and International.

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All-England Badminton:

Wong Peng-soon, still dominant figure, enters finals

London, March 3.

Revised handicaps; classification

The following are the revised handicaps for the third race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, to be held on Saturday, March 11, together with classification:

Revised handicaps

1.—Magazine Gap Handicap. (1st Sec.) Class 6. 5 Furlongs. A Grand Time 143, Amigo 145, Argus 153, Constant Star 147, Honey Dew 144, Jump Bid 140, Pearl Bridge 148, Roan 146, Sino Marshall 145, Sunkiss 145, Top Hat 155.

2.—Windy Gap Handicap. (1st Section) Class 7. 1 Mile. Big Blue 152, Carp Free 159, Esmerald 147, Flight 153, Flying Knight 147, Good Bay 140, Gypsy 159, Harvard 144, Mabel 159, National Guard 151, Peacock 142, Rifle 135, Sine Atout 143, Shaffie 141, Topper 159, Yacht 147.

3.—Pottinger Gap Handicap. (1st Sec.) Class 4 1/4 Miles. Atomic Power 159, Autumn Leaf 152, Easy-going 142, Hurricane 154, Liberty Ship 148, Possibility 145, Ringmar 135, Rowang 152, Shun Fung 159, Scorerer 154, Thunderbolt 159, Thunder Sky 139.

4.—Customs Pass Handicap. Class 2. 5 Furlongs. Big Ship 148, Blue Sky 139, Boatsie 152, Chesterfield 150, Cooper 139, Daisy Bell 159, Duchess Delight 148, Empress Delight 150, Golden Dragon 144, Jeep Lee 140, Lily 147, Pearl Diver 135, Seafire 150.

5.—Windy Gap Handicap. (2nd Section) Class 7. 1 Mile. Aeroplane 147, Airfield 141, Amber 149, Elmer 140, Forester Spring 143, Gungway 142, Iron Hawk 154, Jockey 147, Kinsler 140, Oldshoes 154, Silver Spear 154, Small Dragon 154, Souvenir 144, Speed Wheel 140, The Alligator 154.

6.—Magazine Gap Handicap. (2nd Sec.) Class 6. 5 Furlongs. Domino 149, Filibuster 154, Kwong Lung 148, Marbler 142, Radisson 137, Reuter 140, Shui Lee 159, Some Fun 154, Toowoomba 159, Boy 159, Tunny 142, United Victory 159.

7.—Smugglers Pass Handicap. 1950 Points. From 2 M.P. Ben More 147, Forward View 139, Good Luck 135, Goolig 139, Hellzapoppin 149, Kentucky Lady 159, Lawrence 135, Prestwood 140, Strato Cruiser 149, Tiny Grey 140.

8.—Magazine Gap Handicap. (3rd Sec.) Class 6. 5 Furlongs. Amigo 155, Arabian Moon 155, Blister Sweet 139, Chief Light 155, Epinal 142, Frostlight 147, Madame Butterfly 155, Rosemarie 138, Sapientia 139, Windermere 144.

9.—Windy Gap Handicap. (3rd Section) Class 7. 1 Mile. Abdul Hamid 143, Argus II 139, Busy Bee 155, Double Cain 150, Flying Wheel 135, Glacial Lake 145, Hail 155, Jackal 140, Miami Beauty 155, Midnight Express 148, Pacific 153, Shangrila 140, Strathmura 154, The Hopeful 148, Zephyr 150.

10.—Pottinger Gap Handicap. (2nd Sec.) Class 4 1/4 Miles. Crown Witness 149, Desira 152, Gypsy Girl 159, Hoppy Valley 156, Kentucky Moon 151, Meteorologist 159, Oakland Bridge 154, Probability 159, Route d'or 154, Spanish Onion 147, Sparkling Eyes 140, Tripoli 149, Two Bids 140.

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CLASS 3: Bonnie Eyes, Eleanore, Fair Denise, Plug Day, Gilt Edge, Goldfield, Gold Leaf, Henrietta, Kitty, Kravy Kat, Lovinnder, National Income, Norga, Lady Strawberry Fool, Sangle, Sycamore, Taccas, The Koon Lung, Uncle Eric, Wonderful Mare.

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The men's singles semi-finals were the feature of the third day's play in the All-England Badminton Championships at the Empress Hall, Earl's Court, here today with Wong Peng-soon, the 31-year-old Singapore sports salesman, still the dominant figure.

Generally regarded as the world's No. 1 player, he entered the finals by beating Jörn Skarup 15-11, 12-15, 15-0.

Skarup, aged 24 is the Danish National and Open Singles Champion and winner of the All-England title two years ago.

The other semi-final was an all-Danish affair between Poul Holm, 27-year-old International Singles Champion of Denmark, and Ole Jensen, 21-year-old recent winner of a Copenhagen event in which he beat Skarup in two games.

Wong Peng-soon, the Malaysian star, beat Skarup in a very hard-fought semi-final which cost the Malaysian his first love game of the Championships.

The Dane fought bitterly for every point in the first two games but Wong's cleverly placed shots were sending him travelling all over the court.

Almost exhausted by his exertions he could pull out no answer to Wong's lightning game in the decider and the little Malaysian seemed to be playing well within himself right up to the finish.

Wong always appeared to be capable of bringing out more craft if necessary. In the final game, seemingly as fresh as at the start, Wong flashed across a volley of drives and smashes varied with cunning drop shots which gave him the 15 points necessary right off the reel.

Opponent in final
Wong's opponent in the final will be Poul Holm, of Denmark, who was taken to two sharp games by his compatriot, Ole Jensen, who though not such a stylish player showed remarkable retrieving power.

Jensen was content for periods of the match to play a largely defensive game and force his opponent into errors. Holm, however, placed his shots cleverly and earned many points with a telling smasher.

Holm's better technique told in the end, though he had to fight hard for every point. E. L. Choong and E. J. Choong were well beaten in the men's doubles quarter-finals by Poul Holm and Borge Frederiksen, of Denmark, beat Knut Malmgren and Inge Blomberg, of Sweden, 15-15, 15-7 and 15-4.

Mixed Doubles: Poul Holm and Mrs. T. Ahm of Denmark, beat Arne Lørdal and Miss H. Thordahl, of Denmark, 15-8, 15-6, 15-6. Jörn Skarup and Miss B. Rostgaard of Denmark, beat Ole Jensen and Miss A. Jacobsen, of Denmark, 15-8, 15-4, 15-4.

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Harvey equals Compton's record

Port Elizabeth, March 3. Australia's young left-hander, Neill Harvey, scored his eighth century of the tour to equal the record of Denis Compton (Middlesex) during the first day's play in the fifth and final Test against South Africa here today.

Harvey made 116, which included 14 fours—in two hours 10 minutes for his fourth hundred in Test matches. Compton set the record number of eight centuries by any batsman.

LUNCH SCORE
Port Elizabeth, March 4. Australia, who were 389 for four wickets in their first innings overnight, had taken the score to 471 for five by lunch on the second day of the fifth and final Test match against South Africa here—Reuter.

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Shaky start
After a shaky start, when they lost Jack Moroney and Keith Miller for 49 runs on a slow pitch.

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TODAY'S SPORT

CRICKET
Second Division
Dockyard v King George V School at King's Park, 1.45 p.m.
Friendly
HKCC "Occasionals" v RAF at Chater Road, 11 a.m.
IRC v Mr. M.J. Dwyer's XI at Sookunpo, 11 a.m.

GOLF
Fanning, Old and New Course, 9.10 a.m.

SOCCER
First Division
Kwong Wah v Police; Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m. Referee: J. W. Sharpe; Linesmen: D. P. Lai and Cheung Yan-sing.

Second Division
Police v New Vendors; Boundary Street, 3 p.m. Referee: E. A. Stubby.
Army v PCA; Sookunpo, 4.30 p.m. Referee: Li Bing-long.
Yard Police v St. Joseph's; Navy, Happy Valley, 4.30 p.m. Referee: Tsang King-hong.
Kilt Chee v Eastern; Club, 4.30 p.m. Referee: J. Turner.
Prison v CAA; St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m. Referee: W. G. McKie.
University v Taikeo; St. Joseph's, 3 p.m. Referee: F. A. Barretto.

School fixtures
Senior Knock-Out Semi-Finals
Queen's v King's George V; Club, 9.45 p.m. Referee: Mooney; Taikeo v La Salle; Club, 11 a.m. Referee: Manson.
Junior League
Ellis Knodrig P.M. v Government; Venetian School; Navy No. 1, 10 a.m. Referee: Sharpe; Anglo Chinese P.M. v Wanchai P.M.; Navy No. 2, 10 a.m. Referee: Hawk.

SOFTBALL
Men's Senior League
CBA Ground: 12 noon. American v Jaguars (play-off).
Women's Junior League
Recreio Football Ground: 10.50 a.m.; St. Joseph's v Overseas; 3 p.m.; Madcaps v Cambancheros.
CBA Ground: 9 a.m.; Black Hawks v Braves.
Ladies' Senior League
CBA Ground: 1.30 p.m.; Wildcats v Whooos.
Ladies' Junior League
CBA Ground: 10.30 a.m.; Squaw v Clovers; 3 p.m.; Metyreans v White Fangs.

HOCKEY
Pak SC v Dutch HC; RNRC No. 2, King's Park, 11.15 a.m.; Umpires: Gray and Makham Singh.
Hong Kong HC v Police HC; RNRC No. 2, King's Park, 10 a.m.; Umpires: Kayser and S/Cdr. Padley.

RAF v Commandos; Kai Tak, 10.30 a.m. Umpires: Sgt. Major Hansen and OMSF McColland; KITS v YMCA; RNRC No. 1, King's Park, 10 a.m. Umpires: Blisko and W. Smith.
University of Chung Tara; Pokfulam, 10.30 a.m. Umpires: Palmer and PO Bradley.

Men's Singles: Wong Peng-soon, of Malaysia, beat Jörn Skarup, of Denmark, 15-11, 12-15, 15-0. Poul Holm, of Denmark, beat Ole Jensen, of Denmark, 15-8, 15-6, 15-6.

Men's Doubles: Jörn Skarup and Preben Dahlsten, of Denmark, beat Nils Johnsen and Ole Wahlberg, of Sweden, 15-5, 15-11. Poul Holm and Borge Frederiksen, of Denmark, beat Knut Malmgren and Inge Blomberg, of Sweden, 15-15, 15-7 and 15-4.

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